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Yemens to unite within 4 months

KUWAIT, March 30 (Agencies) — North and South Yemen presidents agreed Friday on a working program to unite their countries within four months, it was announced here officially.

The announcement came at the end of a two-day summit meeting between President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and Abdul Fattah Ismail of South Yemen.

The announcement, read to newsmen by a conference spokesman, said the new state would be called "the Yemeni Peoples Republic" with Sanaa as its capital.

Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) said the scheme, proposed by South Yemen, provided for a national sovereignty council which would be responsible for Yemeni foreign affairs, defense and security.

A South Yemeni spokesman was quoted as saying regional governments would remain and have charge of other matters.

A previous unification plan, agreed in 1972 after earlier border clashes, had foreseen a united Yemen under a single president and government.

Under the new plan, which kept a high-level joint committee working through the night, the sovereignty council would comprise the presidents of the two Yemens, their prime ministers and three representatives from each side.

The plan also set a timetable for future meetings between the two presidents, a meeting of the two countries' legislative assemblies to endorse a union draft constitution and for a referendum on the constitution.

Points of the draft constitution on which the committee could not agree were referred to the two presidents.

Last month's border fighting drew special attention because of the Iranian revolution which set back American influence in the strategic region.



IN RIYADH: UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan being greeted by King Khaled and Prince Abdullah on arrival in the capital Thursday. The UAE leader held talks on the Middle East question with King Khaled and later attended the annual camel races before returning to Abu Dhabi (See story on page 9). (SPA Photo).

Khomeini appeals for unity as Iranians flock to polls

TEHRAN, March 30 (AP) — Millions of Iranians streamed into polling stations Friday for a nationwide vote on the formal establishment of an Islamic republic to replace 2,500 years of monarchy.

But as the voting went on, religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini and the ministry of interior made new statements underscoring concern about disorders in Iran's provinces involving dissident ethnic minorities.

Shah leaves Morocco to settle in Bahamas

RABAT, March 30 (Agencies) — The Shah of Iran and his family left Morocco in a private plane Friday planning to make a new home in the Bahamas, official Moroccan sources said.

The Shah, who quit Iran on an enforced holiday 10 weeks ago, took with him Empress Farah and their four children.

Earlier in Washington, government officials said Thursday the United States would be willing to help the Shah find a permanent place of refuge but has told him of the security problems that would arise if he came to the U.S.

The officials said the U.S. had been in touch with representatives

of the Shah about various places where he might settle and had made it known it was willing to help him.

The American government has formally said the Shah would be welcome if he wished to go to the United States, and the officials denied he had been refused permission to enter the country.

"We have never said to him that he should not or could not come here," one official said.

In Tehran, a foreign ministry spokesman said that the Shah's departure from Morocco would have no effect on the Iranian government's intention to bring the monarch back for trial.

sending a new three-man commission to negotiate peace in the northeastern city of Gonbad-e-Qavous. Where as many as 50 people are believed to have died this week in fighting between the revolutionary authorities and autonomy-minded Turkmen tribesmen.

The announcements were interspersed with upbeat reports on the state radio about the referendum's progress and songs on the radio urged the people to go out and vote.

At polling station centers, guarded by armed militiamen, voters deposited bright green ballots in urns to signify support of Khomeini's call for the creation of an Islamic state. Opponents deposited red ballots on which they could write the form of government they preferred.

The vote at several Tehran centers seemed to be running heavily in favor of the Islamic republic. But some voters complained of a lack of privacy at the polls, saying opponents of Khomeini's plans were reluctant to deposit red ballots in full sight of election officials.

Dissident members of Iran's ethnic minorities have threatened to boycott the two-day referendum, along with leftist militants who believe Khomeini's revolution has done too little to establish a "workers state."

Arab ministers working on compromise sanctions

BAGHDAD, March 30 (Agencies) — A crucial meeting of Arab ministers broke up Friday night with no indication of whether they had decided on how Egyptian President Anwar Sadat should be penalized for signing a separate peace treaty with Israel.

A spokesman for the conference of 19 Arab League members told reporters the ministers held informal talks Friday evening but would not meet in formal session, as originally planned, until Saturday morning.

The announcement appeared to indicate that a deadlock between moderate and hardline Arab states had not yet been resolved. A formal session had been planned for 1500 GMT Friday to decide how the Arab world should react to the Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed on Monday.

The 19 Arab League delegations gathered for what Iraq has called a "final and decisive" meeting after Jordan launched mediation efforts.

King Hussein of Jordan sent emissaries to Saudi Arabia and Iraq in an attempt to find a compromise formula, Jordanian sources said. President Hafez Assad also sent an emissary to Riyadh.

The Saudi Press Agency said Adib Daoudi arrived in Riyadh as President Assad's envoy as Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, chief of the royal court, and Hassan Ibrahim, minister of state for foreign affairs, flew in as King Hussein's emissaries.

Meanwhile, Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran left Amman for Baghdad on a similar mission, carrying a message to Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr.

Official Jordanian sources had said King Hussein was in touch with Arab leaders to ensure unity following the split at the Baghdad conference.

The start of Friday night's talks was delayed for several hours as moderate states met separately in Kuwait to coordinate their position, officials said.

The hardliners are supporting calls by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the severance of Arab diplomatic and political ties with Egypt and an end to all Arab economic aid.

Iraq made clear its support for the PLO position Friday when the official "Baghdad Observer" newspaper published a joint statement between the PLO and Iraq's ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party calling for the overthrow of regimes giving President Sadat "material or

Commons bomb kills leading Conservative

LONDON, March 30 (R) — Alwyn Neave, the Conservative Party's spokesman on Northern Ireland and a close associate of Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher, was assassinated Friday by a car bomb at the House of Commons.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Provisional Irish Republican Army.

Neave, 63, was the first Allied officer to escape from Germany's wartime "escape-proof" Colditz Castle prison camp.

His books on escape and spying were widely read.

The provisional IRA had threatened to disrupt the campaign for a general election on May 3 with attacks on the mainland.

The explosion appeared to erupt as Neave drove his car out of an underground park into the cobbled courtyard beside the House of Commons.

A witness said wreckage was scattered all over the ramp leading out of the car park and papers were strewn around by the blast.

It shook windows 200 meters away and one witness said: "there was a flash and a pillar of smoke rose halfway up the tower of Big Ben."

Neave was the Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland and was tipped to be chosen by Mrs. Margaret Thatcher to be her Northern Ireland secretary if she wins the May 3 election. He was regarded as a hardliner toward terrorism.

Friday the evidence suggested the gap between the two main parties was closing as Britain headed for the election.

A Gallup poll in the "Daily Telegraph" said the Conservative

lead over Labor had dropped to seven per cent, compared with 14.5 per cent two weeks ago and 20 per cent last month.

An Opinion Research Center survey indicated the gap was 18 per cent.

But a special election in the 'seedy' Edge Hill constituency of Liverpool Thursday produced a spectacular victory for the third-ranking Liberal Party.

Labor, which had held the seat since World War II, gathered less than half the Liberal vote. The Conservative candidate did so badly he lost his £150 (\$300) deposit for failing to attract one eighth of the vote.

Israel assured of 'indefinite' supply of oil from Sinai fields

TEL AVIV, March 30 (Agencies) — Israeli officials expressed confidence Friday that last minute arrangements accompanying the peace treaty with Egypt had ensured an indefinite supply of oil to Israel from the fields it will evacuate in Sinai.

Arriving home from Washington Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said Israel had been assured it would receive oil from the Sinai fields "on a continuous basis."

This caused some surprise since the published peace treaty did not mention any long-term Egyptian commitment to supply oil to Israel.

Such a commitment had been assiduously sought by Israel during the long negotiations. In the end the Israeli negotiators agreed to drop the demand for an express commitment and settled instead for a loose pledge contained in an agreed minute to Annex Three of the treaty.

According to the wording of this minute, Egypt agreed to make commercial sales of oil to Israel and that Israel "should be fully entitled to make bids for Egyptian-origin oil not needed for Egyptian domestic oil consumption."

Modai told reporters that he had a pledge from President Jimmy Carter that the Egyptian supply would be on a continuous basis.

In Bonn, Egypt agreed with West Germany in top-level talks that the peace treaty is only the first step toward an overall Middle East settlement. West German government spokesman Klaus Bolling said Friday.

He added that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt at a meeting with President Anwar Sadat Thursday night stated that for West Germany this included self-determination for the Palestinians.

moral aid."

The only Arab League members staying away from the conference here were Oman and Sudan.

In a statement to Saudi journalists, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said he hoped there would be unanimity on the key issue of future economic and diplomatic relations with Egypt.

"We came here today full of hope that the continuation of the meetings will lead to Arab unanimity," he said.

In an earlier statement Thursday, Prince Saud said Saudi Arabia was determined to carry out the Baghdad summit resolutions "honestly and faithfully" including freezing Egypt's membership in the Arab League and transferring the League's headquarters from Cairo.

But these resolutions should be carried out within a framework of Arab solidarity "and a conviction that they are a collective Arab responsibility," he said.

Arab journalists admitted to the "palace of peace" conference area Friday quoted participants as saying ministers were working on a compromise formula to avert total confrontation.

The compromise would involve pulling out Arab ambassadors from Cairo and freezing economic aid provided on a multi-lateral basis by Arab League members to Egypt.

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Kingdom prays for rain

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Muslims throughout Saudi Arabia Thursday performed prayers for rain on the order of King Khalid.

In the capital, the prayers were led by Deputy Governor Prince Sattam at the Eid Mosque.

The Khatib (reader) appealed to the Muslims to turn to God so that he pardon their sins.

He also bade them avoid evil deeds, preach goodness and urge fellow Muslims to stay away from wrongdoing.

Foundation to aid school federation

JEDDAH, March 30 (SPA) — Representatives of the King Faisal Foundation signed an agreement to set up a fund to assist the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools Thursday at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The signatories were Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, the director of the fund, Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, governor of Asir and director general of the King Faisal Foundation, and OIC Secretary General Dr. Amadou-Karim Gaye.

Yamani honored in Austria



DOCTOR: Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani Thursday receiving an honorary doctorate of the Mining University of Leoben from Rector Albert Oberhofer.



Djibouti Foreign Minister Momen Bahadoun Farah

Kingdom to establish six-month grain buffer

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will soon mill all its flour and have a permanent buffer stock of 300,000 tons of grain, according to Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

The statement, which comes on

the eve of an Arab conference on food science Saturday in Riyadh was made in the annual report of the General Organization of Grain Silos and Flour Mills of which Dr. Solaim is chairman.

The report said that local grain production increased in 1978, because the organization provided a stable market. Corps were purchased by the organization at incentive prices and stored in organization silos.

The six-month buffer stock will protect the Kingdom from price upheavals.

Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah al-Sbeikh, the minister of higher education and chancellor of the universities, will open the four-day food conference Saturday.

Dogs exterminated

MECCA, March 30 — A total of 235 dogs were poisoned in five days here in an intensive campaign under the supervision of the Environmental Health Department. "Okaz" newspaper reported Friday.

Beleaguered Djibouti turns to Arabs for aid

Foreign minister says in Jeddah

By Farouk Laqman
JEDDAH, March 30 — Djibouti, the newest member of the Arab League, is making a strong appeal for military aid from the Arab states to guard against outside attack and subversion.

Speaking to "Arab News" in Jeddah this weekend, Djibouti Foreign Minister Momen Bahadoun Farah said that the country's armed forces were being built up from scratch with French help. But despite aid from France (equivalent to \$40 million), "the army is still desperately short of equipment. French aid is not enough to buy armored cars, helicopters, trucks and artillery and heavy weaponry."

Djibouti became independent from France in 1977, after nearly 140 years of colonial rule. A tiny, impoverished land with a population of 250,000, mostly Afar and Issa nomads, the enclave has no resources of any kind. The state budget last year was \$60 million, drawn mostly from taxes and customs dues at the port and on the railway to Addis Ababa.

The port and the old Franco-Ethiopian railway are in fact the country's only assets but they are operating well below capacity. With the revolution in Ethiopia, and the war last year between

Somalia and Addis Ababa over the Ogaden territory, both port and railroad lost their role in supplying the interior. Formerly, 80 per cent of the freight carried by rail was Addis bound but the line has been constantly out of service because of sabotage.

Apart from \$60 million from Saudi Arabia as an Independence Day gift, foreign aid to Djibouti has been negligible.

The presence now of a Marxist regime in Addis Ababa, supported by thousands of foreign troops, is clearly worrying the government of Djibouti which feels vulnerable to attacks or prolonged subversion. Last month anti-government elements based in Ethiopia attacked a small army camp in Randa, in the north, killing two soldiers. Addis is reported to be promoting an anti-government liberation front in Ethiopia led by former Djibouti Health Minister Shihem Dawood. Observers believe it is a question of time before Addis feels sure enough of itself internally to start looking to its neighbors. Djibouti is the weakest of them especially if France should be obliged to reduce its obligations to defend the country against a prolonged guerrilla campaign.

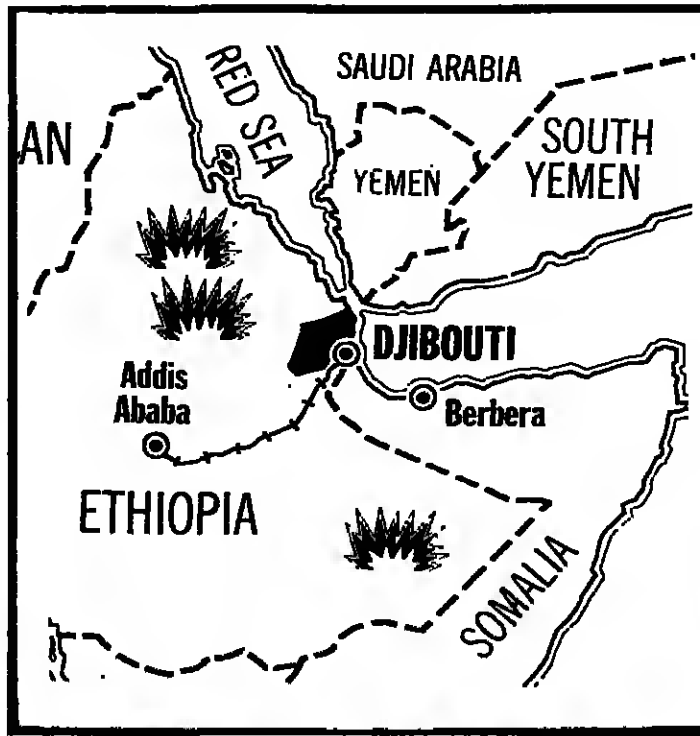
A few Djiboutians are already

being trained in Ethiopia by Cuban and East German officers to destabilize the country, according to information reaching Djibouti. At the same time the country is feeding 25,000 Ethiopian refugees who have fled the recent

turmoil there.

Meanwhile, Djibouti is trying to find ways of raising money for minimal development — schools, clinics, roads and water resource development. The European

Economic Community has promised to help develop agriculture, but it is the rich Arab states — apart from Saudi Arabia — that Djibouti is turning to for assistance. So far it has been bitterly disappointed, Farah said.



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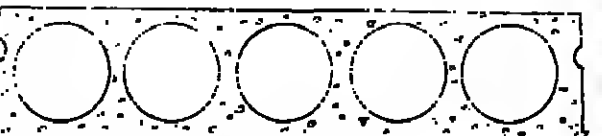
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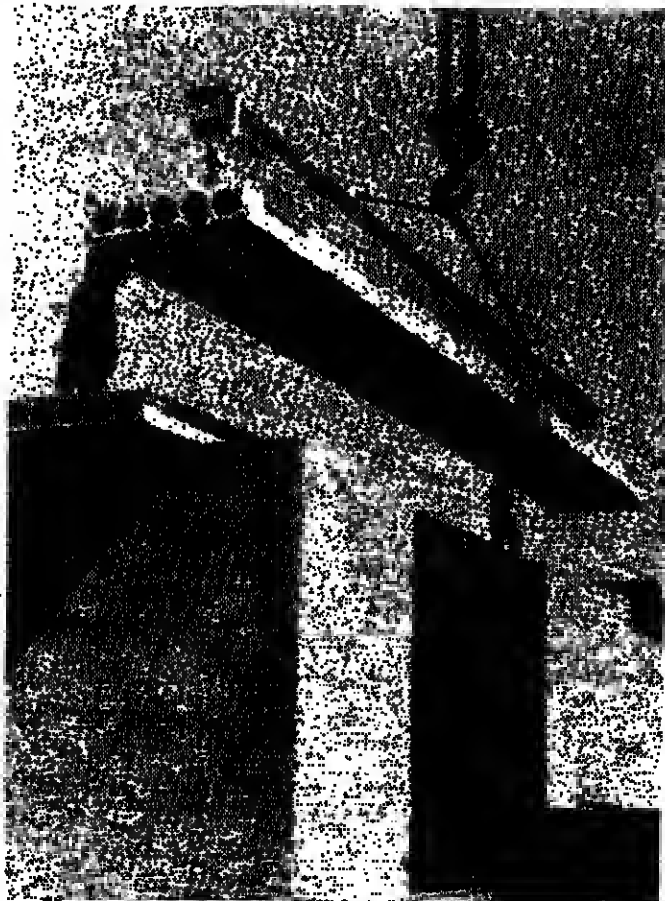
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Party urges Bhutto to resume eating

ISLAMABAD, March 30 (Agencies) — Eighteen leaders of Pakistan People's Party of former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto have urged the condemned man to resume taking food in his death cell.

The appeal was made Thursday

at a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Pakistan People's Party in a resolution that asked Bhutto to resume eating "because the nation needs you."

The resolution also expressed "grave concern over the miserable conditions in which Bhutto is

being kept in his death cell in the Rawalpindi jail in Islamabad. Bhutto has exhausted all legal channels and his death sentence on a murder conspiracy charges has been confirmed by the Supreme Court. He is charged with ordering the killing of a political

opponent in 1974.

He or any Pakistani citizen must appeal for executive clemency for him by midnight of March 31. After that time, if no application is made, the government can set a date for his execution on a 48-hour notice.

Bhutto will be informed of the execution 48-hours before it is to be carried out. During that time, his relatives will be allowed to see him.

Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, a former cabinet minister under Bhutto, said he met Bhutto in the jail Thursday.

"I saw Bhutto behind the bars in the jail. I collapsed in the chair outside the cell, because I did not recognize him," Pirzada said. "I thought I was looking at a Skeleton, with a completely grey beard."

Although jail officials said that Bhutto is receiving food cooked daily by his wife, Pirzada claimed that Bhutto has taken no food since Saturday when the Supreme Court rejected his final petition to reexamine the court's verdict confirming his death sentence.

In Chicago meanwhile, an appeal for clemency for Bhutto has been made by an organization that announced plans to request United Nations intervention in the case.

Luis Kutner, chairman of the Commission for International Due Process of Law and counsel for the World Committee to save Bhutto, said Thursday the appeal has been made to Pakistani Ambassador Naiz Naick on behalf of the commission.

U.S. companies to be urged to invest in Egypt, Israel

WASHINGTON, March 30 (R) — A government agency has said that in response to appeals by Egypt and Israel it will make a concerted effort to encourage American companies to consider investing in the two countries.

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) — which insures American companies against political risks, such as war and expropriation, in investing overseas, is currently evaluating 40 requests for coverage for projects in Egypt from American firms totaling \$325 million.

While all these potential investments will not come to fruition, OPIC said they represent "a grin interest in the country and its future potential."

At present OPIC is insuring investments totaling \$75 million in Israel and is considering request for a further \$25 million.

Following the signing of the peace treaty both Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin called for increased American investment in their countries.



King Hussein

King Hussein in London

LONDON, March 30 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived in London Thursday on a private visit. The king usually holds talks with British ministers during his periodic unofficial visits to London. British officials said that so far there were no arrangements for official meetings.

Beirut plans water ration for 3 years

BEIRUT, March 30, (R) — Water supplies to Beirut will be rationed for at least the next three years, Water Department Director Badi Lahoud has said.

"The increase in consumption is not being matched by an adequate increase in supply, and all attempts to provide new water sources are not enough to meet the needs," Lahoud declared.

He said the only sure solution was a project to pump water from the Awali River, 40 kilometers south of Beirut, and this would take at least three years to complete.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Minister for Hydroelectric Resources announced that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has promised to grant \$6 million worth of equipment for water projects in Lebanon.

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Schmidt supports ending limit on trying Nazi war criminals

BONN, March 30 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told parliament on Thursday he supports abolishing a Dec. 31 deadline for trying Nazi-era murder cases but refused to commit his government on the controversial issue.

Schmidt, a Social Democrat, said during the opening round of debate in the Bundestag that it was "intolerable" that Nazi murderers could escape punishment through a legal technicality.

The chancellor resisted opposition Christian Democrat pressure to put his left-liberal government on record in the debate and said legislators should make up their own minds on such issues of

"basic moral and legal principles."

Unless the statute is abolished or the deadline is extended, Nazi-era murderers who have so far escaped detection will be immune from prosecution after Dec. 31.

West German law allows prosecution of suspected murderers beyond the statute of limitations if authorities had begun a formal investigation in the case before the expiration date.

Justice Ministry authorities say enough indictments have been brought to insure war crimes prosecutions through the next decade.

Jewish and international organ-

izations, and U.S. congressmen, have urged the deadline be abolished. A seven-member delegation of the American Jewish Committee headed by its president, Richard Maas, has traveled to Bonn at the invitation of the government, to discuss the issue.

The four parties represented in the Bundestag, have released their members to vote according to their consciences on the issue, which cuts across party ranks.

The Bundestag sidestepped the issue in 1965 and 1969 by extending the statute of limitations rather than abolishing or amending it to deal specifically with prosecution of Nazi murderers.



Helmut Schmidt

Soviets denounce U.S. envoys after bombing incident

MOSCOW, March 30 (R) — The Soviet government newspaper "Izvestia" has accused U.S. officials of giving a false version of the events leading up to the death of a young Russian in the American Embassy Wednesday night.

Yuri Vlasenko, 29, who said he wanted to emigrate to the United States, blew himself up with a home-made bomb in the embassy consular section when Soviet police fired shots at him.

In the first detailed Soviet account of the eight-drama, "Izvestia" blamed the embassy for the events because a U.S. consular official had invited Vlasenko into the mission in the first place.

After the incident, Ambassador Malcolm Tison said he did not know how the man came in to the embassy. The embassy said Thursday that Second Secretary Robert Pringle had accompanied Vlasenko into the building.

"Izvestia" said embassy officials "circulated a false version according to which an unknown Soviet citizen penetrated embassy territory almost by force."

"The attempts to distort the reality of the situation are not accidental," "Izvestia" said. "The embassy officials showed themselves in a very unseemly light throughout this story."

Calls Moscow's buildup defensive

Bonn general scoffs at fears of Soviets

BONN, March 30 (AP) — A senior West German general has deepened the controversy over arms policy by saying that the Soviet military buildup in Eastern Europe is primarily defensive.

In a widely published letter, Maj. Gen. Gert Bastian, commander of the 12th Panzer Division, noted the Soviet Union suffered greatly during World War II at the hands of the Germans and the experience has affected Soviet military and political strategy ever since.

The 56-year-old general was the first senior West German officer to break publicly with the official NATO, and West German view that the Soviet escalation has surpassed defensive needs and may be aimed at the domination of Europe.

Bastian's views are shared by some leftist members of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party, who say an overreaction by the West to the Soviet buildup may scuttle détente.

The opposition Christian Democratic Union and Christian Social Union parties believe such views will play into the hands of the Soviets by weakening Bonn's ties to the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Recalling that the Soviets fought more than three years to drive the Germans from their ter-

Soviet oil spill heading toward Swedish capital

STOCKHOLM, March 30 (AP) — An oil slick from a wrecked Soviet tanker was drifting in the Baltic Sea early Friday, threatening this city's outer archipelago and thousands of seabirds, the Swedish Coast Guard reported.

The oil-saturated sludge, covering an area estimated at 30 kilometers by 10 kilometers, was drifting slowly south of Aaland, pushed by a prevailing northeast wind.

"It is viscous oil mixed with about 90 per cent water. Oil of this kind is very difficult to remove from the water," Coast Guard representative Sven Uhler told the newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

ritory, Bastian said. "Small wonder that the Soviet Union has drawn the lesson that, in case of a new attack, it will in no case again permit the war on its own soil but will immediately carry it into the land of the aggressor."

Bastian argued it was naive to expect the Soviets to accept Western promises that NATO was purely defensive and would never launch an unprovoked attack.

"Naturally, we know that such a situation cannot never occur because NATO is a defensive alliance and because an attack by her forces on the East is unthinkable," Bastian wrote. "But do the others also know this, and should they simply believe it because we say it?"

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Radioactive leak may contaminate 4 U.S. counties

HARRISBURG, March 30 (AP) — Gov. Dick Thornburgh Friday urged people within 10 miles of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant to stay indoors until further notice after a new release of radioactive gas from the crippled facility. But some people were reported leaving the area.

Paul Critchlow, Thornburgh's spokesman, said, "we are pressing people within a 15-mile radius to stay indoors throughout the morning until further instructions are handed down. There is no need for an evacuation. There was a series of uncontrolled bursts of radiation from about 6:40 a.m. until about 9 a.m. this morning."

John Comez of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, said people were evacuating the area on their own.

An air raid siren blared at about 11:15 a.m. in downtown Harrisburg, but David Milne of the State Department of Environmental Resources, said it was an unauthorized signal set off by local fire officials to tell people to stay indoors.

Traffic was heavy on the streets of Harrisburg, 10 miles from the plant, and in surrounding communities service stations were crowded with cars. Pedestrians hurried along the streets to head indoors.

Thornburgh had said at midmorning a decision on evacuation of the four surrounding counties was imminent.

More than 950,000 people live in the four counties — York, Dauphin, Lancaster and Cumberland.

Officials said radioactive gases were automatically but unexpectedly released when there was a build-up of the volume of gases in the primary cooling system of the plant after an accident Wednesday.

The nuclear regulatory commission said it was not yet known how much radioactivity had been released or whether it could endanger human health or the environment.

Harrisburg, the state capital, is in Dauphin County, which has a population of more than 220,000. Lancaster County has a population of more than 319,000. York more than 262,000 and Cumberland 158,000.

The cities of Lancaster and York are also in the affected area.

Earlier, officials had said a controlled release of low-level radiation was still beaming from 250,000 gallons of highly radioactive water inside the disabled nuclear power plant, and experts said the water might have to be buried in lead or evaporated.

But at that time federal authorities said the radiation was contained inside the plant's 280-acre perimeter and was no longer a threat to local residents.

Plant engineers wrestled with the two most likely ways of clearing the nuclear-charged water, sealed inside the reactor dome and ankle-deep inside another building where water is normally cooled.

One method to deal with the problem would be to solidify the waste material and bury it in lead-lined canisters. Another would involve evaporating radioactive gases from the water and storing the gases in holding tanks until they lose radioactivity and can be released into the air, said Richard Klingaman, chief of Generation Engineering. The cleansed water would then be flushed into the Susquehanna River.

The accident, called the worst in American nuclear history, fueled fresh controversy over the safety of atomic power.



MADRID: Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, (right), talks to Landelino Lavilla, formerly his justice minister and recently named president of Spain's lower house. (AP photo).

Pilot tried emergency landing

Quebec airplane crash kills 16

QUEBEC, March 30 (AP) — A prominent Montreal lawyer and 15 other people were killed when a Quebecair passenger plane crashed into a hillside, split in three parts and burst into a ball of flames, officials said.

Eight others were injured, some seriously, when the twin-engine turboprop F-27 bound for Montreal with 25 aboard went down at 6:50 p.m. Thursday shortly after takeoff.

Officials said the pilot had trouble with his right engine and turned in preparation for an emergency landing but could not make it back to the Quebec city airport.

They said among the dead was lawyer Robert Jodoin and the pilot, co-pilot and stewardess. The other victims were not identified until relatives had been informed.

Guy Gilbert, a 28-year-old forestry engineer who lives near the airport, was one of the first

persons on the scene.

"I was upstairs getting ready to take a walk with my daughter. Then I heard a loud boom and the house vibrated... then I looked out and saw a big ball of fire."

Gilbert said he ran to the crash site and "most of the bodies were spread out on the snow... there was blood all over."

"Most of the people were not

dead. Several died the first half-hour after the accident. There were limbs cut off. We had to be careful when we were moving them."

Canada's worst air disaster occurred Nov. 29, 1963 when a Trans-Canada Airlines DC-8 crashed about 24 kilometers northwest of Montreal, killing 118 persons.

Predicts Chinese invasion

Hanoi vows to stand by Laos

HONG KONG, March 30 (R) — Vietnam said Friday China was preparing for new military adventures in Indochina and warned that it was bound by treaty to fight alongside Laos in the event of an attack.

The warning came from Hanoi's official daily, "Nhan Dan," which said, "reality dictates that what is imperative in this region at present is resolutely to struggle to foil Peking's criminal policy of invading Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia."

It also said Peking was following the "old tactics" of the United States which it said invaded Laos and Cambodia saying they were offering sanctuary to the Vietnamese.

And a Foreign Ministry statement carried by the Vietnam News Agency said Chinese troops were digging trenches and building concrete fortifications on Vietnamese territory.

It said contrary to Peking's claim that it had completely withdrawn, "the Chinese authorities continue to mass more troops."

"Many in Chinese ruling circles have even threatened to attack Vietnam again."

The Chinese authorities must take full responsibility for delaying negotiations and maintaining tension at the border between the two countries," it said.

U.S. Marines investigate alleged desertion in war

GREAT LAKES, Ill., March 30 (AP) — The Marine Corps has announced it has asked for a formal investigation into charges that Private First Class Robert Garwood deserted in time of war and communicated with the enemy, charges that could result in a death sentence.

It said Thursday the investigation will be conducted by the Naval Investigative Service, "which will use its international network of agents to look into the matter."

NIS is the principal agent within the Department of the Navy to "conduct major criminal type investigations," it said.

A navy captain was trying meanwhile to question Garwood about other Americans possibly in Vietnam.

The Corps said "we will not question him about anything relating to the charges pending against him."

Garwood's civilian attorney, Dennis Filey, had said he would recommend that Garwood, not answer any questions.

Garwood, 35, returned to the United States on Sunday after spending nearly 14 years in Vietnam. He disappeared in September 1965 and was classified as a prisoner of war.

Senate passes legislation for unofficial Taiwan ties

WASHINGTON, March 30 (R) — The Senate has approved a bill putting U.S. ties with Taiwan on an unofficial basis and sent it to President Carter for signature.

Legislation to alter relations with the island follows diplomatic recognition of Peking.

The bill, approved Thursday states that the establishment of ties with Peking rests on the expectation that Taiwan's future will be determined by peaceful means, and the use of any coercion would be a threat to the security of the Western Pacific and of grave concern to the United States.

It also pledged the United States to supply defensive weapons to Taiwan.

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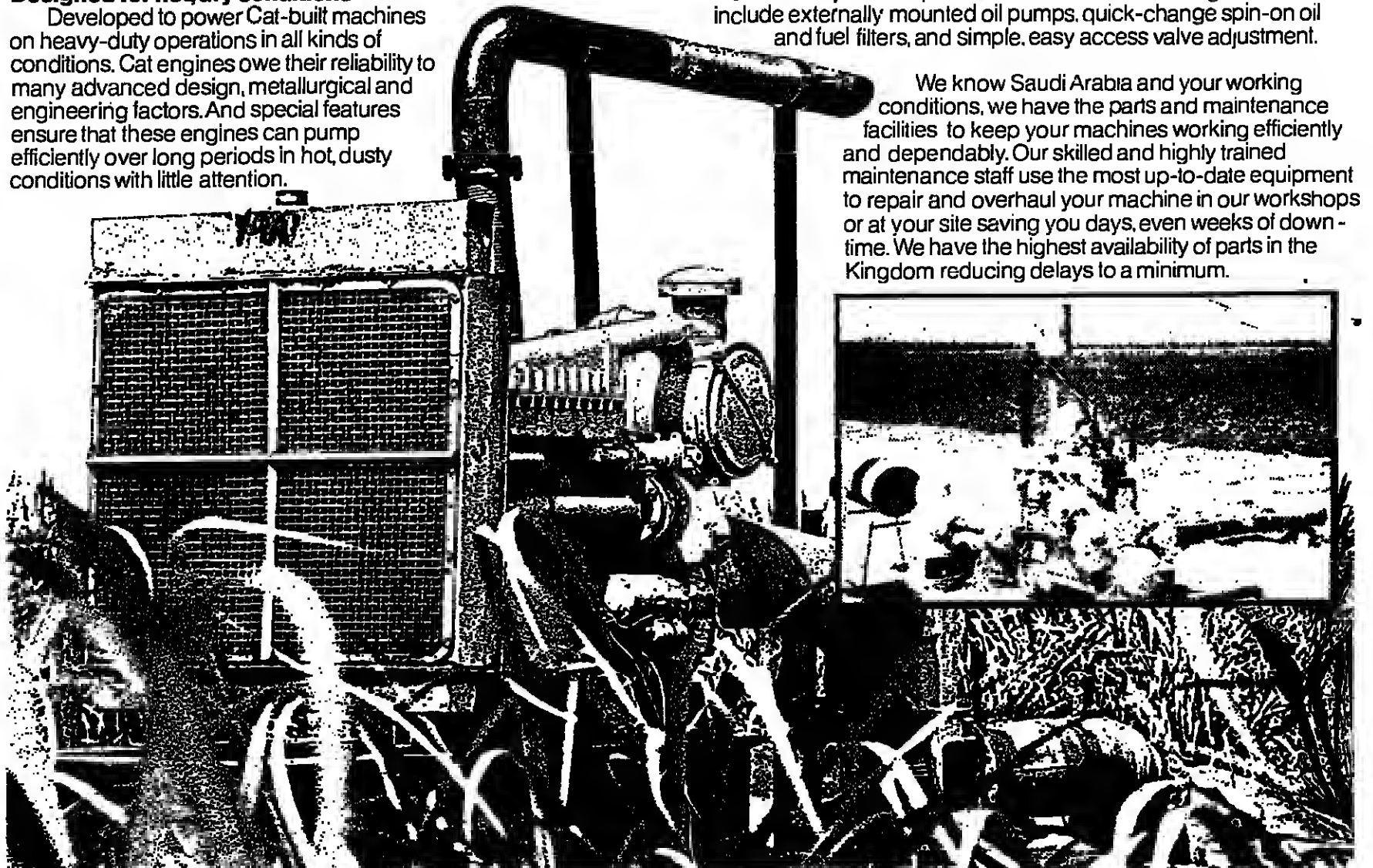
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Peace treaties : A lucrative business

By James Abourezk

WASHINGTON —

Upon announcement of the Israeli-Egyptian agreement, a friend of mine, a businessman, commented that he wished he could have a percentage commission on peace agreements in the Middle East.

I saw what he meant. He would have been able to retire, based on what the United States Treasury (on behalf of the American taxpayer) has paid out for "peace" since 1975. We gave Israel at least \$3.5 billion outright for the Sinai II agreement in 1975, in return for its relinquishment of some 5 miles of the Sinai's desert. And good old Henry Kissinger also signed an agreement binding the United States to provide Israel with its oil supply should it ever subsequently be cut off. That was in return for giving Egypt back its oil fields.

This new treaty "breakthrough," as the press loves to call the agreement, will, as a one-shot deal, empty out some \$5 billion in additional dollars from the U.S. Treasury, over and above the amount already going to Israel and Egypt. Exclusive of the peace dividends we have previously paid to Israel, Americans have been sending about \$1.1 billion a year to that country. And Egypt will come in for \$1.5 billion over and above the economic aid already in their pipeline. One of the national TV networks has estimated the total cost of the agreement at \$19 billion over the next five years, all of it underwritten by the hapless American taxpayer.

One can always argue that peace at any price is cheaper than war. But, as one commentator has put it, this is a peace treaty without peace. It is Israel's way to buy time and have someone else pay for it. The agreement has again severely polarized the Middle East, while at the same time putting into severe imbalance the power structure of the entire area. In less formal language, the agreement ensures that Israel will never again have to negotiate an agreement with Syria or Jordan or the Palestinians. Without Egypt to provide population and muscle to the Arab bloc, Israel is now able, if it wants, to coerce an agreement, but it will never have to negotiate one.

The act of brokering a separate peace between Israel and Egypt was really obtainable without the intervention of the president of the United States. It is a peace treaty that over the years, Israel would have given anything to sign. It became one that Egypt gave up virtually everything to get. Thus, all of Carter's energy and prestige were expended on the least important Middle East issue — the Sinai — leaving the most important one — the Palestinians — for the parties to solve without the bargaining power Egypt's strength provides for the Arabs.

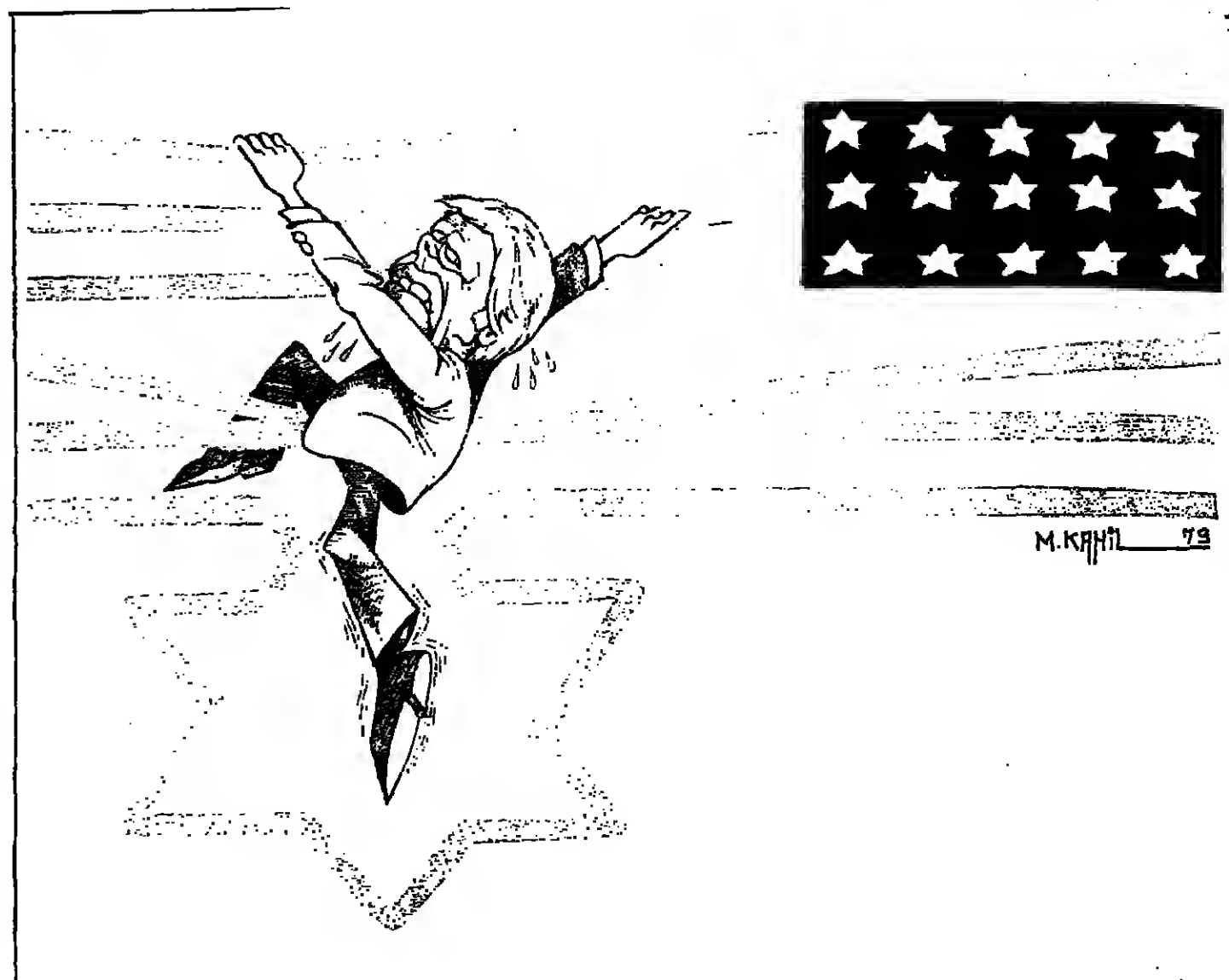
The proof of this lies in Prime Minister Begin's arrogant outburst before the Knesset, even before the treaty is signed, in which he has once again confirmed that Israel will never allow an independent Palestinian state. He has also laid out the terms for permanent Israeli occupation of the West Bank: "Autonomy for the people, but not for the West Bank." That is an ingenious way to justify illegal settlements in the occupied territories. Autonomy, as agreed upon by Carter, Sadat and Begin, means only that local Palestinian quislings, if any can be found, will be part of an administrative council, a local government, for the West Bank. Only one catch exists, however. Any decision taken by the new council must first be agreed upon by Israel, which has promised to keep its troops in the West Bank to enforce its occupation.

Autonomy, then, is nothing more than an advertising man's catchword, which has no meaning. It is a word that is used to hide the real significance of this so-called peace treaty.

The big thing about this peace treaty is that it deliberately ignores the real parties in interest, the Palestinians, who are represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel is at war with the Palestinians because they want a return of at least a part of their lands in order to organize a country of their own. Absent that, there will be no peace — only continued suffering of homeless refugees, and an invitation to terrorism, which will then be piously denounced by those who are really responsible for it.

Readers should take note of who are the winners and who are the losers in this giant scam organized by President Carter. Clearly, Carter's electoral chances now are marginally brighter, making him a clear, if only a temporary, winner. Begin's government has come out ahead by virtue of getting Carter to alienate Egypt from the Arab bloc — a feat that Israel could not do on its own over the last three decades. The additional billions of American tax money that will go to Israel are even more gravy. It is Carter's way of saying that illegal aggression pays. Why shouldn't Israel grab Arab land whenever it can if it is to be handsomely rewarded each time it does?

The losers, not necessarily in order of priority, are a comprehensive peace settlement, Palestinian self-determination, the Palestinian people, most likely the Lebanese once again, the entire Arab world, the American taxpayer and the shaky moral status of the United States. After all, how long can we maintain our moral stand and yet continue to underwrite physical and political abuse of Palestinians, territorial acquisition by force and continued aggression by Israel against its neighbors? (WPI)



More fire and blood for Begin ?

By William Claiborne

TEL AVIV —

Shortly before his dramatic rise to the premiership nearly two years ago, Menachem Begin visited the stony, inhospitable Samaritan hills in the Israeli-occupied West Bank to celebrate the installation of a Torah scroll at the Alon Moreh Jewish settlement.

"We stand on the land of liberated Israel. There will be many more Alon Morehs," Begin declared. Then, chiding reporters for their questions about his intentions in the West Bank, Begin said, "We don't use the word annexation. You annex foreign land, not your own country."

The shudders in Washington over Begin's ascendancy to power could be felt almost all the way to Israel, as if conservatism here was a new phenomenon. "I hope that the election of Mr. Begin will not be a step backward (from) the achievement of peace," said President Carter at the time. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, when told of Begin's election, shook his head and said, "no, no. That's wrong."

Begin emerged suddenly on the world scene dimly perceived by outsiders as a one-time Jewish underground terrorist cum gadfly, who carped at the established Labor government from the back benches of the Knesset and espoused a quaint blend of mysticism and ultranationalism that was begrudgingly tolerated in the free-wheeling parliament, but not taken seriously.

But those who studied the fiery orator's ideological origins as he tenaciously moved closer to the seat of power understood then — and now — its portent for the future of Israel and its relationship with the Arab world.

The political theorists today are again examining Begin's stormy half-century in the Zionist movement, searching for inconsistencies that are not there, sifting for clues of change as if there were any. The harder they look, the more they understand that Begin is probably the most consistent politician of significance in the world today, and that this should say something about the turbulent year that lies ahead and Israel, Egypt and the United States attempt to mold a system of self-governance for the 1.1 million Palestinians on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Begin was born in Poland 65 years ago and his Zionist ideology was shaped in that country after he joined the youth organization of the Betar, a group of right-wing revisionists who condemned the regular Zionist leadership as a collection of timid, ineffectual old men.

His conservative political bent was forged at the outbreak of World War II when he escaped the Nazis to Soviet-held territory only to be imprisoned in a concentration camp in northern Russia.

The death of his parents and a brother at the hands of the Nazis framed his ideology. His assignment to Palestine as part of a British-led Polish army unit fighting on the side of the Allies put him in the place where his ideals could come into focus.

But it was in the Irgun Zvai Leumi, one of three Jewish terrorist movements operating in Palestine against British mandate control, where Begin shaped his vision of Eretz Israel — "The land of Israel" and his place in Israeli politics.

The Irgun conceived of all Palestine as being the "biblical birth-right" of the Jewish people, and its motto was, "Judea collapsed in fire and blood. Judea will rise in fire and blood."

First the British and then the Palestinians faced the Irgun's tactics under Begin leadership.

Begin directed the bombing of the King David Hotel, in which a hundred people died, assassinations of British soldiers, the bloody Irgun-Stern group massacre at the village of Deir Yassin, that killed 200 people, and, finally, the ultimate confrontation with the established Jewish leadership, when David Ben-Gurion ordered the Hagana to fire on a gun-running Irgun ship and Begin and his followers eventually disbanded.

unnecessary embarrassment caused by the media."

"Okaz" supported Prince Saud's assertion at Baghdad that there should be a framework for joint Arab action and that no

country should be forced to abandon its sovereign right of action.

"Within this framework," the paper said, "each country should be free to define its role so that it may not be compelled to promise to do things it cannot accomplish."

How he will react remains an imponderable. — (WPI)

U.K. EQUILIBRIUM

There are few who will mourn the exit of Mr. Callaghan. His years in power have been remarkable only for his inability to halt the apparently remorseless slide that since 1945 has rendered his country helpless.

A sluggish foreign policy has been matched at home by social divisions, racial tension and an industrial chaos made more chaotic by a government forced into blundering inactivity. The government seemed too shell-shocked by the past disastrous winter of strikes and go-slows to respond with anything but obstinacy.

It was appropriate that it was a vote of confidence that forced Mr. Callaghan to dissolve Parliament for a general election, as confidence was what his government has lost. It was also fitting that he was the first prime minister to fall on a Parliamentary vote since Ramsay MacDonald in 1931. The hapless Scott still regarded as a traitor to its ideals by the Labor movement that revered him.

But should Mrs. Thatcher win on May 3, can she hold out any brighter hope? Her shadow ministers are an unimpressive lot. Faced by a common enemy they look something of a united force, but all too often she has been left almost alone to struggle in Parliament against a well-supported Mr. Callaghan.

On top of that, her leadership of the opposition has failed to heal the wounds left by the passing of Mr. Heath, her predecessor ditched by his Parliamentary party. The left-right battle has not been won by either wing of the Conservative party; it has just been put temporarily to one side.

Mrs. Thatcher speaks of setting the people free from the chains of high taxation and restricted liberty. It is perhaps the best thing that could happen to Britain, for they have enfeebled individual drive and starved the economy of investment, both financial and intellectual.

The cause of freedom has not been asserted against the creeping weakness that has stifled the country. With 55 per cent of the population eventually employed by the state, the urge to security has proved the most compelling.

In this vacuum, the trade unions have proved the only energetic force. Of course, regulating their activity must be a first step for their obstruction has been a major factor in the British weakness. But the question of how to go about it could be the hands of any Conservative government as securely as mass discontent this winter handcuffed those of the Labor government.

But a far more urgent reform is moral. As the unions have restrained Britain's economic performance, class and race hatred and envy have distorted the sense of nationality.

Mrs. Thatcher offers hope. It is a hope of a new start, of a galvanizing that seems necessary. Her radicalism, should it prevail, is possibly the only way for Britain to start the long climb back to equilibrium.

Problems for Grenada

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad —

Some 15,000 people crammed the market square in St. George's, the tiny capital of Grenada last week to celebrate the island's quiet revolution. They chanted, "Gairy gone, free at last" and cheered an old woman who came on to the platform and sang a hymn.

A week earlier the dictatorial Sir Eric Gairy had been overthrown in his absence by opposition leader Maurice Bishop in one of the most disciplined takeovers in history. Bishop was clearly elated during the rally; news came through of Gairy's formal resignation and later on of formal recognition for the new interim government (elections are promised within six months or so) from Jamaica, Guyana and Barbados, the diplomatic lead Bishop was waiting for.

But as the initial euphoria wears off, there are worries for the future of the new regime. There are strong fears that Gairy may stage a counter-coup, using mercenaries and possibly Cuban exiles; after 12 years in office it is widely assumed that he can afford to do so. There are already unconfirmed reports of contact between Gairy and anti-Cuban exiles in Florida.

Such a venture would involve the Grenadian revolution in its first serious violence. The Bishop regime, armed with the equipment of Gairy's Defense Force, promises that "no foreign mercenaries" will be permitted to reverse the political process it has initiated and that the most they could hope for would be to inherit a "barren land."

Governments in the smaller eastern Caribbean islands nearby have reacted vehemently against the Grenada takeover. Lester Bird, Antigua's influential deputy premier, has compared the Bishop government to Ian Smith's in Rhodesia.

The general position abroad seems to be that none of Grenada's neighbors can afford to contemplate formal recognition because they all share at least some of Grenada's difficulties.

The danger now is that they will tighten up internal security and clam down on dissent themselves.

Already this attitude has opened a serious split among Caribbean governments on the recognition issue and puts renewed strain on the fragile integration movement. Jamaica and Guyana, with their left-of-center administrations, have eagerly recognized Bishop's government and Barbados has followed suit. In Trinidad and Tobago the government of Dr. Eric Williams has been hedging its bets, respectful of constitutionality and letting it be known that it preferred quiet de facto recognition in due course to a formal announcement.

In Grenada itself Maurice Bishop now has to work towards his promise of "fair and free" elections and also to rescue the island's near-bankrupt economy. He is putting immediate emphasis on controlling the cost of living and has moved quickly to freeze retail prices to prevent speculation.

He promises to tackle unemployment and under-employment, which he estimates at 50 per cent. Large areas of "idle lands" are to be acquired for cultivation as food farms and new emphasis is to be put on agriculture generally. Financial assistance is being sought from "friendly countries." But exactly how Bishop intends to tackle the problems is still far from clear.

Gairy was very secretive with trade and financial data. He seems to have controlled the Grenadian economy virtually on an ad hoc basis in recent years, sometimes coming perilously close to being unable to pay wage bills. A year ago Grenada had foreign reserves barely sufficient to cover two months' imports, though its trade deficit — if official figures are reliable — has been narrowing. (OFNS)

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"Penalizing Egypt politically and economically should not be permitted to hurt the Egyptian people," "Al-Jazirah" said.

"The Egyptian people are not the individual who worked against their aspirations, they are not the individual who came from the unknown believing that he can change their history. They are not the individual who aborted democracy and staged a coup d'etat that shackled the people. As he came through a coup d'etat he will go through a coup," the paper added.

"And it is not the first time that Egypt has been afflicted with such an individual but, in the end, the people speak out and bring matters back to normal."

The paper said that the Egyptian people were not consulted about the peace treaty with Israel which consecrated Israeli occupation of Palestine. "The people realize that once Israel has ensured its first strategic objec-

tive, it will go on to achieve the second by a large scale attack on the eastern and northern fronts while Egypt stands idly by."

"When the Kingdom and other Gulf states call for a prudent approach, regarding the Egyptian people, they realize that the people are not constitutionally bound to bless the treaty with a treacherous enemy that was signed by their ruler. If the sanctions should hurt the Egyptian people, it is because they were meant to punish the individual who had harmed the Arabs so profoundly," the paper said.

"Al-Medina" bit back at the Egyptian news media for "classifying the Arabs who opposed the peace treaty with Israel into two kinds — one manipulated by the Soviets and the other apprehensive of assassination and terrorism by the Palestinians."

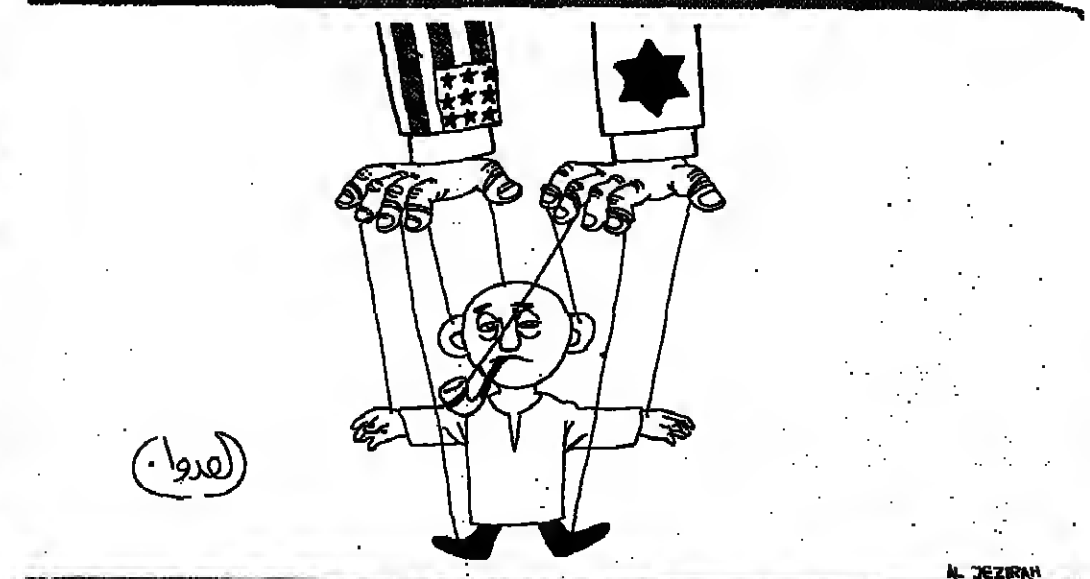
"This is absurd," the paper said "because the position taken by the Arab states today is the

same position Egypt held before Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and before he moved on to a separate peace treaty."

Furthermore, the Soviet cannot be accused of prompting such opposition for the very good reason that the Arabs have maintained this stand even while the Soviet Union and the United States supported Israel and provided it with massive aid including manpower.

"We cannot be afraid of PLO violence," the paper said, "because the moderate Arab states meant by Cairo had already gone through the real terror exercised by Sadat's predecessors using aircraft, armor and other means of intimidation. But we never succumbed."

The paper added: "In any case, the attacks of the Egyptian press and counter attacks by the Arab press should end. This should give their leaders a chance to meet in peace, if this is possible, without



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A successful French exportation to Riyadh

By Rosalind Ingrams

RIYADH — "French people do not take easily to being exported (les français ne sont pas faciles à exporter)," says Madame Puyraimond with an amused twinkle in her eye. She, however, is an example of a very successful French "exportation," having lived here with her husband (a water expert) for 22 years. Few European women have lived in the Kingdom so long, and few have been able to gain such knowledge and experience of Arabia.

"My husband arrived in 1956, the year of the Suez crisis," she recalls. "I came in the following year with my infant son from Beirut, where we lived while we were waiting. The aftermath of Suez was not an easy time in this part of the world. However, we remained here. The need to find water in Central Arabia was a matter of urgency. My husband was able to contribute his skills, and in due course water was found near Riyadh."

The Puyraimonds lived in one of the first non-mud houses in the city near the Shimaizi hospital. In those early years, Mme. Puyraimond went out into very little, in obedience to convention. She devoted her time to the rear-

ing of her son, and of her two older daughters who came on long visits from France. She was entirely responsible for her son's education until he was old enough to go home to boarding school. Later, when more French families with children began to arrive in Riyadh, she took the initiative in helping with their education.

How did she get to know the country if she remained virtually secluded in Riyadh?

"We used to go into the desert and live in tents for two or three months at a time while my husband was at work on a project. It was there, in the desert, that I made contact with the Bedouin and began to learn about them at first hand."

"The desert is a wonderful place," she says. "It is like the sea. It has the same vastness, the same beauties, the same dangers. In it I learned to observe much more carefully than before. I taught myself photography in order to capture some of what I saw. I made studies of rocks and stones, for instance."

"My most joyful and rewarding experiences were of sharing time with the Bedouin to be under their roof is to share their life with them fully. I was particularly at home with the women. Their music was



In the garden beside a traditional waterwheel

always fascinating — an entire evening would often be spent in singing, accompanied by drumming.

"Ah! once the drum begins to beat the singing will never cease! What group of Europeans could sing word-perfect any song that was suggested, one after the other, all evening? They all knew all the words."

"Very often the singers would divide into two groups, a solo voice on one side beginning the song, all the voices taking up the refrain, then a soloist opposite continuing the story, and so forth. The women would do this among themselves just as the men did."

"There was dancing too, to the beat of the drum. I loved to watch

the dancing and sometimes join them. Poetry, too, we would hear, especially if there were some great occasion such as the visit of the King. Then the poet of the tribe — for each tribe has its acknowledged poet — would rise and pour his declamation."

Mme. Puyraimond "picked up" spoken Arabic, and taught herself to read and write as well. Aware of the lack of any useful French books about present-day Saudi Arabia, she has written one herself. It is all but completed, a very comprehensive work illustrated with her own line drawings. It will be called "Tafaddal" which can only imperfectly be translated as "welcome." She says she originally meant simply to produce a

small handbook. She found, however, that she had so much material that in no time it grew into a tome.

In the course of the years she has spent in the Kingdom, Mme. Puyraimond has had the opportunity to learn a great deal about Arabian jewellery, and she is the owner of some magnificent pieces. She has examples from every region and discourses fascinatingly about each one. Some of the handsome and elaborate silver-work is from Yemen famous for its silversmiths. Of the Saudi jewels, a finely-worked large medallion, with chain, is of particular interest. It came from Taif, and is typical only of Taif — nowhere else are medallions like these found. The same is true of the strikingly attractive Riyadh necklace, only found in Riyadh. Typically it is made of coral beads, turquoise and glass (the glass is often striped black and white), and has gold medallions hanging from it at regular intervals. The combination of the glowing colors and the gold makes these necklaces among the finest of her collection.

Now that her journeys into the desert have become less frequent, Mme. Puyraimond devotes her considerable energies to the welfare of the French community, and to the promotion of music — a lifelong passion — wherever possible. The granddaughter of a gifted composer, Theo Lacuire, who was also a singer, she absorbed music from infancy and is an accomplished pianist. She organizes music and dancing for the French children, and for years she conducted a small choir. Just

recently became a founder member of the Riyadh Concert Committee, a body similar to the Jeddah Concert Committee, which arranges concerts given by professional musicians.

A great part of the time of this modest and delightful woman is

given to the very demanding task of showing not-easily-exportable newcomers around and helping them with their initial problems. She will only have time to finish her book, says Mme. Puyraimond, when the hot summer weather begins and the stream of new arri-

vals comes to a temporary halt. In the meantime, "They are queuing up — what can I do?"

They are lucky indeed to be able to count on the time, the knowledge, and the humor of this doyenne of the French community.



A medallion necklace and earrings from Taif



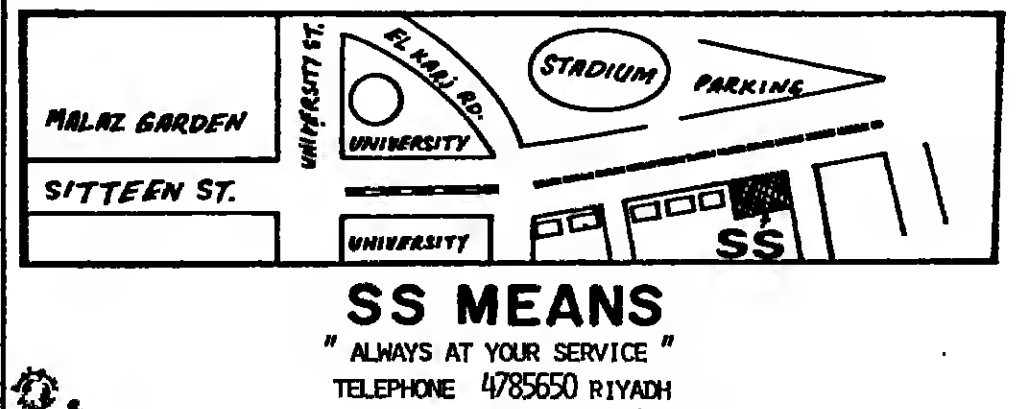
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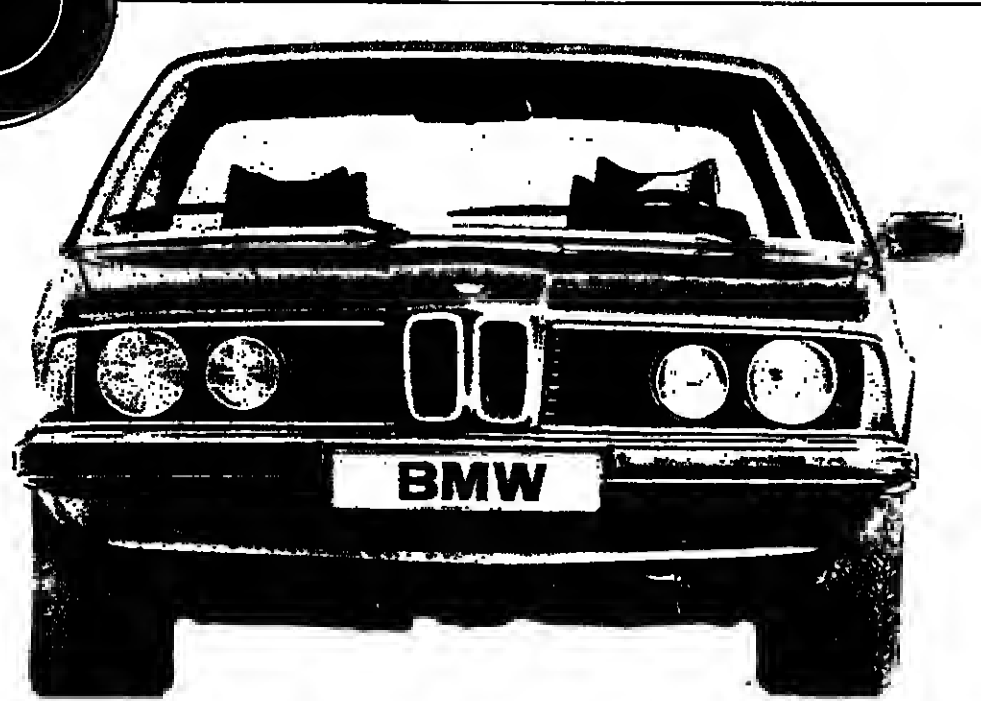
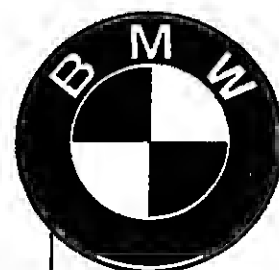
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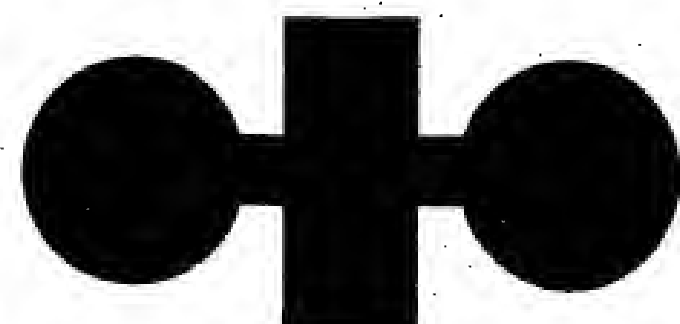
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Said Tamer, 15, sweeps Jeddah gymkhana

By John Close

JEDDAH, March 30—For the second consecutive year, Said Tamer swept the field at the Al-Hamdani Horse Show Thursday, this time carrying home the English and Western High Point Trophies and the Perpetual Challenge Trophy.

Tanya Chianale, on Mairhat, came first in dressage.

Tamer, 16 next month, won only one of the four morning races, the Clover Leaf race, but accumulated enough points in the other Western events to take the trophy.

In the English events, Tamer won the Junior Exhibitor on Guide, a grey which had never jumped competitively before. He

came in second to his brother Ayman's best time of 45.67 with no faults in the Open Jumping and sailed through the Gambler's Choice again on Guide, with a score of 810 ahead of his father, red-ribbon-winner Sheikh Maamoun Tamer on Lamy.

In the final Gambler's Choice event, the rider plans his own course over jumps graded for difficulty and Tamer's winning round was as controlled and confident as his races in the cooler morning.

In other results, Jacqueline Lewis on Aneena won the Keyhole race with a time of 8.13 seconds. Sheikh Maamoun took the Flag race in 19.02 seconds and Linda Bennet on Al-Wye captured the blue Ribbon in the Open Jumping Fault and Out event.

Ambassador Alberto Solera of Italy presented the English and Western High Point Trophies and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Sulciman, who with his brother Sheikh Ahmad donated the land on which his family stables stood to Al-Hamdani, headed Tamer the Perpetual Challenge Trophy.

Al-Hamdani started out in 1970 with eight riders. The only two founding members still in Jeddah's Lee Flynn and Suzanne Stiles, have watched the club grow to 35 members and 65 mounts.

Thursday's show was the fifth annual gymkhana, an event which crowns the smaller, monthly shows designed to keep riders and horses in top form.

In its early days, Al-Hamdani was surrounded by quiet desert but it is now moving to new premises as the city encroaches. King Abdul Aziz University now owns the land.

The crowd on Thursday, larger than at any previous annual show, is evidence that Al-Hamdani is growing with strength.



SWERVE: Sheikh Maamoun Tamer, president of Al-Hamdani, plucks the second and final flag from the bucket and turns to head for the finish line and from each of two buckets and place them both in a third barrel. If the rider drops a flag he must dismount and retrieve it or be disqualified. Robin Grainger on Khazza came in second 0.88 seconds behind.

Khaled, Zayed watch races

RIYADH, March 30 (SPA)—King Khaled played host Thursday to Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates at the annual camel races at Janadriya, a desert racetrack to the north-west of here.

The program of two long-distance races, known as the King's Races, are staged annually by the National Guard and the Feroosiyah Club, a riding and racing club in Malaz.

Prince Abdullah, commander of the guard and chairman of the club and Prince Badr, deputy commander, welcomed the two leaders Thursday morning.

At 11 a.m., 219 Sudanese dromedaries lined up across the five-kilometer broad start for the first race over 22 kilometers. Prince Faisal bin Khaled, with his Al-Barq and Helwan, took the first two places and the major share of the SR1.2 million purse awarded by the King and Sheikh Zayed.

Al-Seer, owned by Prince Saud bin Muhammad was third and Hegel, owned by Sheikh Abdullah Ali Al-Thani, and Hobab, owned by Prince Muhammad bin Saud Al-Kabir filled the minor berths.

After lunch with the National Guard, the two leaders watched camels from the Arabian Peninsula compete over the same distance. Al-Aqila, owned by Prince Turki bin Muhammad bin Saud Al-Kabir, came in first and was followed home by Prince Saud bin Muhammad's Al-Ghuzaili and Prince Faisal bin Khaled's Al-Nuwais and Al-Suhaimi.

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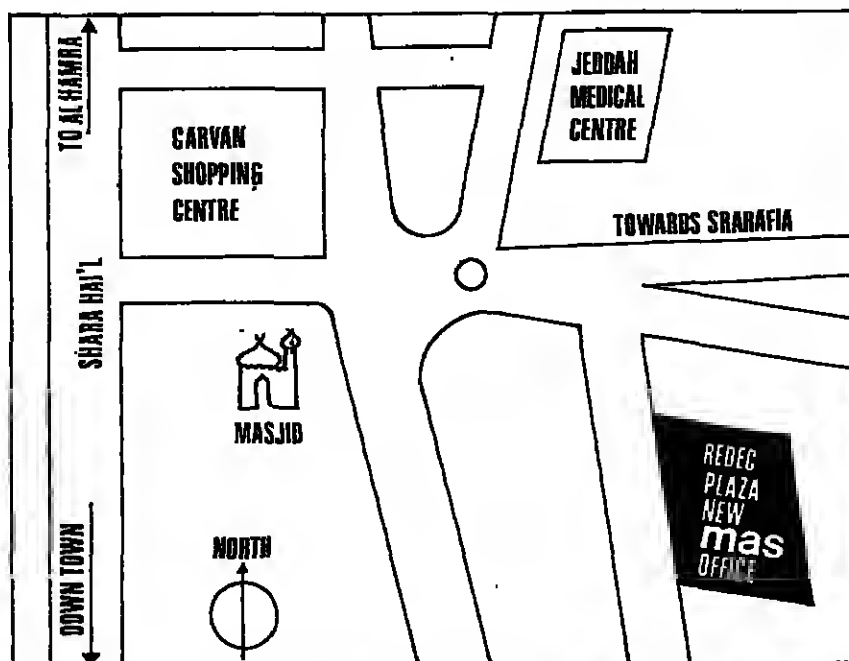
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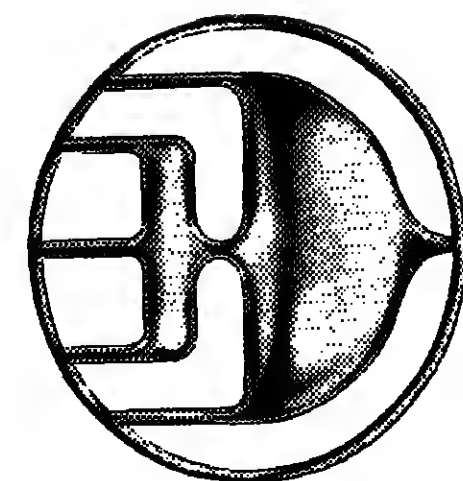


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6 guards escort Borg in Milan

MILAN, March 30 (AP) — Armed bodyguards debuted on tennis courts this week the Milan leg of the World Championship Tennis Competition. Their task wasn't to keep nagging fans away but to ward off the terrorists and kidnappers plaguing Italy.

Three uniformed bodyguards and three in plain clothes escorted top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden in and out of Milan's Sports Palace. Borg's protection costs Italian organizers \$ 600 daily. That will add up to \$ 9,000 if he makes it to the April 1 finals as expected.

For security reasons, the 23-year-old Borg slept one night in one hotel and the next in another. His car was escorted through the streets and he was followed into restaurants. The guards also kept close in the dressing rooms.

Borg lives in near seclusion, with journalists complaining they can hardly talk to him.

U.S. superstar Jimmy Connors, who pulled out of the \$ 200,000 Milan tournament at the last minute, had also demanded special protection. John McEnroe and Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States, the other top names here, said they had no guards.

Milan organizers said protecting the top players might become a common problem, with sports personalities increasingly becoming a target of threats.

Borg has twice been threatened with death by Italy's Red Brigades. The threats referred to published photographs of Borg wearing an Israeli army uniform.

Borg meets Australian John Alexander in the quarterfinals Saturday.

In Thursday's play, second-seeded Gerulaitis struggled more than two hours to down countryman Peter Fleming, 2-6, 7-6, 6-3, in a second match.

The 24-year-old Brooklyn staged a strong comeback after losing one set and trailing 1-3 in the second to advance to a quarterfinals clash against Tomaz Smid of Czechoslovakia.



TUMBLE: Jockey Tom McGivern is shot out of the saddle as mount Colleen Rhu flails in a headlong crash as the Chair Jump at Aintree Thursday in the Topham Trophy Chase, which is run over 16 of the 30 National jumps.

Brave and rash line up for Aintree

LONDON, March 30 (R) — The Grand National, the world's most spectacular and lethal horse race, is run at Aintree Saturday with Alverton set to start one of the hottest favorites in years.

If he wins, Alverton will become only the second horse ever to take Britain's two top steeplechases, the "National" and the Cheltenham Gold Cup, in the same year.

But before that happens, Alverton and his partner, Champion Jockey Jonjo O'Neill, must face four and a half miles (7,250 meters) of the Aintree course, 30 murderous fences and 35 probable opponents.

At the final forfeit stage Friday, Spartan Missile, Owenius and Guiding Star were taken out.

In this race, horses need plenty of luck just to get round never mind win.

Alverton is the class horse in a slightly sub-standard field and his handicap of 153 pounds is surprisingly low.

But in the National, the handicap is less important than a horse's reaction to the unique thorn fences with their deceptive drops on the far side. Alverton hardly seems in the same league as the great Golden Miller, who did the double in 1934.

Many horses who jump brilliantly on normal courses are useless at Aintree while Red Rum,

the only horse to win the national three times, was very ordinary everywhere else.

At Aintree he was unbeatable and Saturday, a year after injury prevented him trying for his fourth win, Red Rum will be led on a tour of the enclosures like the king he is.

He will behave as beautifully as ever. Now he has retired from racing, "Rummy" has become Britain's only four-legged opener of supermarkets.

Remembering Red Rum, many people — Both regular backers and the once-a-year punters who crowd the betting shops on Grand National Day — will go for the horses with a good record at Aintree.

Lucius, last year's winner, is out with a virus infection but three horses who were just behind him — drumroan (a fast finishing third), Coolishall (fourth) and The Pilgric (fifth) — all have a great chance.

Drumroan, bred, owned and trained by 71-year-old Peggy St. John Nolan, is probably the best of the four Irish entries.

The two horses above Alverton in the handicap are both highly-rated.

But topweight Royal Frolic is not the horse he was when he won the Gold Cup three years ago and a better bet is probably Ben Nevis,

the mount of American Banker Charlie Fenwick who has taken a year off work to try and win Saturday.

Ben Nevis, twice a winner of the Maryland Hunt Cup and the American Grand National, has been heavily backed all week. His trainer, Tim Forster, won in 1972 with Well To Do and has another well-fancied runner in Mr. Snowman — which may be the most appropriate winner if the weather forecast is right.

Drumroan, the Pilgric and Ben Nevis probably provide the best value in the race but those looking for an outsider could do worse than choose Sandwlan, the mount of 29-year-old housewife Jenny Hembrow.

Best ban lifted

ZURICH, March 30 (R) — The International Football Federation (FIFA) confirmed Thursday it had lifted a worldwide suspension on Irish soccer star George Best, and he was free to play again for his American club the Fort Lauderdale Strikers. FIFA imposed the ban on Best last October at the request of the English Football Association because of alleged breach of contract by Best in a wrangle over registration involving his English club Fulham and Fort Lauderdale.

Australia wins thrilling Test ending

PERTH, March 30 (Agencies) — Feelings were running at boiling point during a sensational final day as Australia brought off a magnificent victory over Pakistan in the second Test at the WACA Ground Thursday.

Australia had lost six of its seven previous Test matches.

Jeff Moss scored the winning run when he flicked a ball from Mudassar to fine leg for a single. It gave Australia victory by seven wickets with 31 balls to spare.

Heroes of the victory were opening batsmen, Rick Darling and Andrew Hilditch and left handers, Allan Border and Moss. Darling, who scored a superb 79 before being run out was adjudged Man of the Match.

He and Hilditch, with 29, put on 87 for the first wicket and then Border hit an unbeaten 66 with Moss finishing on 38 not out.

Set to score 236 in 275 minutes for victory after dismissing Pakistan in its second innings for 285 Thursday morning, Australia cracked 236 for three to square the series at 1-1.

Earlier, Asif Iqbal continued his great innings for Pakistan to remain unbeaten with 134 out of their total of 285.

No holds were barred Thursday and two batsmen, one Pakistani and one Australian, were out to appeals which usually would not be made.

Australian Alan Hurst, running up to bowl to Asif, halted his run and instead of delivering the ball ran out Pakistan's last man Sikander Bakht, who was backing up out of his ground. Umpire Tony Crafter upheld Hurst's appeal and the disgruntled Asif smashed his bat across the stumps.

When Australia batted, Hilditch was out "handled the ball" to an appeal by Sarfraz Nawaz to umpire Crafter.

Darling drove Sarfraz to Sikander at mid-off, and with neither batsman attempting to run, Sikander lobbed the ball back to Sarfraz at the bowler's end. It bounced past Sarfraz and Hilditch picked it up and threw it to the Pakistani bowler, only to be ruled out on Sarfraz's appeal.

No holds barred

Chappell frisks GEORGETOWN, Guyana, March 30 (AP) — Australia's World Series Cricket star Ian Chappell Thursday publicly apologized for punching a Guyanese public relations man in the stomach.

The apology is likely to halt police plans to charge Chappell with assault and indecent language.

The incident began Tuesday when Chappell accused VIC Insanally, the WSC's public rela-

tions man in Guyana of being responsible for Sunday's eight-hour SuperTest delay that led to a riot by fans. Insanally then accused Chappell of delaying Sunday's play by refusing to play. The game ended in a draw Wednesday.

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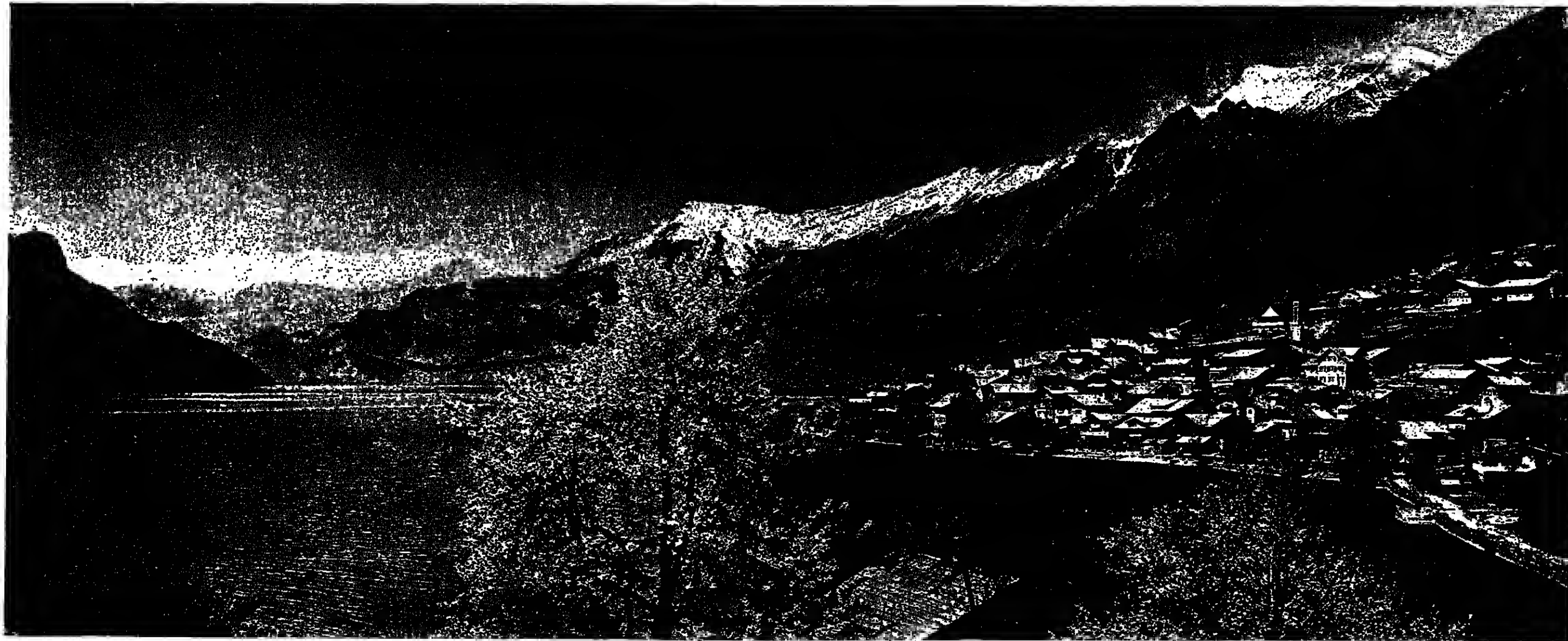
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Datsun leaves a trail of sand as it skids to victory in the Qatar Rally

gold win for Datsuns

SHEKHAR MEHTA and his wife Yvonne won Thursday and Friday's Kuwait International Rally in a Datsun 160J and received a solid gold tola bar for their efforts.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

1st Sheikh Mehta & Yvonne Mehta, Datsun 160J
2nd Harry Kallstrom and Claus Bilstam, Datsun 160J
3rd John Ragnotti & Jean Andrie, Renault 5
4th Mike Fox and I Goran Crood, Fiat Lancer
5th Gerard Saunal & John Kerslake, Datsun 160J
6th David Cooker & David Walton, Datsun 160J
7th Lancer GSR
8th Ahmed M H Hal & Tariq Al Ayyan, Fiat Lancer GSR
9th Abdulrahman Al Shalait & Masad Al Shalait, Datsun
10th Ali Hussain & Mohammed Al Ali, Hyundai Pony
11th Ali Mulla & Antoine Kakra, Datsun
12th Janet Brewer & Alison Hamill, Fiat Lancer
13th Tarek Muzzan & Mohd Ali, Toyota Celica
14th

By Keith We
Harry Kallstrom and Claus Bilstam were 49 behind the Mehtas' in a Datsun 160J, winning in both Bahrain, Qatar, Kallstrom and stam were easily over ners of the East Rally Challenge, carried off the £3,000 prize. Forty-nine seconds an incredibly small gap between the two cars after kilometres of hard d and there were three Datsuns in the first including Gerard Saunal, John Kerslake in a 1 entered 160J who came French third.

The Renault 5 driven by Ragnotti and Jean Marc A came third, more than an hour behind the Datsun.



Datsun clean sweep in Qatar Rally

Datsun teams drove to a complete and overall victory in the 2-day Qatar Rally held at the weekend. The specially prepared Datsun 160J's and A10's breezed over the gruelling course to take honours in

First was a works-built Datsun driven by Harry Kallstrom from Sweden. Datsun also took second place with driver Shekhar Mehta and his wife Yvonne Mehta. Both Kallstrom and Shekhar are Datsun drivers with considerable international success.

Datsun completed their incredible win by taking a first in Group 1 and a first and second in Group 2. Datsun took first place.



MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHALLENGE



Harry Kallstrom and Claus Bilstam after crossing the finish line at the Sakhr air strip to take first place in the Middle East International Rally held at Bahrain, on Friday.



Smooth going on a rough and tough course. Winner Mehta and wife Yvonne, in their Datsun 160J, make rallying look easy



John Kerslake is 7th. In Qatar the Datsuns came 1st, 2nd and 5th and took the team and manufacturers prize as well.

Datsun have proved they have the stamina and rugged dependability that are so necessary in desert conditions. This weekend they hope to show they have the speed and manoeuvrability that will make them undisputed champions of the Gulf.

GOLDEN KUWAIT RALLY VICTORS



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Developing world should raise crop output, U.N. body says

UNITED NATIONS, March 30 (AP) — The U.N. economic committee of the whole, made up mostly of developing countries, declared Thursday that it was mainly up to those countries themselves to build up food and

agricultural output. Agreed conclusions issued after a private session in progress since March 16 said:

"The committee recognizes that the responsibility of the development of food and agricul-

tural production lies primarily in the developing countries themselves."

The document added, however, that "there is an increasing effort and growing commitment by developing countries to the accelerated development of their food and agricultural sectors."

"Developing countries which have not done so, so far," it said, "should formulate and implement food and agricultural development plans envisaging if necessary reforms, with the aim of achieving self-reliance."

It called for "urgent measures" to reach the international target of a 4 per cent annual growth rate in agricultural production in developing countries and urged external aid amounting by the end of 1980 to \$ 8.3 billion at 1975 prices.

Mexico currently sells its barrel of crude at \$ 14.10 but at the beginning of the year it announced that the price would be reviewed every three months, increasing in line with international oil prices.

The oil price increase only affects exports of crude.

Beginning Sunday

Mexican crude price up

MEXICO CITY, March 30 (R) — Mexico will raise the price of its crude oil from Sunday, the director of the state oil corporation Pemex, Jorge Diaz Serrano, announced Thursday.

"We are talking with our clients about the new price," Diaz Serrano said when asked if Mexico's new crude oil price would be higher than OPEC's \$ 14.54 per



President Carter

Carter presses business to boost anti-inflation bid

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter urged business leaders Thursday to do even more to control inflation than observing the government's voluntary price increase guidelines.

He said organized labor so far complied with his standards for wage increases, and he said again that "I am not going to impose mandatory wage and price con-

trols in this country."

Carter said business must "be bold" in suggesting ways of controlling rising prices. Although large corporations so far have complied with the guidelines, Carter said they often have been "technical compliance" — observing the letter of the standards — but their prices have risen faster than the administration had envisioned.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.83	6.90	6.90
Deutsche Mark (100)	180.00	181.00	180.75
Swiss F (100)	1.99	201.00	200.00
French F (100)	78.00	78.75	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.75	107.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.75	86.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.28	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.00	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.70	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	10.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.25	87.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.35	34.25
Gold kg	—	26.550	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3.100	—
Silver kg bar	—	900	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.61	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.89	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	1.69	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency exchange and commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah, Tel.: 23815

Market agitated all day

NEW YORK, March 30 — The market churned throughout the afternoon hours to close slightly higher Thursday. Although the dollar gained against major European currencies, the fear of inflation and higher interest rates was a possible cause for this churning action. At the closing bell the fed announced the basic money supply figures. M1 rose \$ 1.1 billion while M2 rose \$ 700 million. The Dow Jones industrial average was up .52, transports rose .39, and utilities fell .14, volume of trading was 28.5 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side by a very slight margin. The American Stock Exchange rose .58.

Growth and glimmers closed mixed with Johnson and Johnson up 1/4 to 69 1/2. Merck lost 1 1/2 to 65 1/2. Digital Equipment off 1/2 to 54 1/2. IBM off 1/2 to 317 1/2. Sperry Rand rose 1 1/2 to 50 1/2. Fairchild Camera rose 3/4 to 44 1/2. Texas Instruments rose 1 1/2 to 87 1/2. Disney added 1/2 to 39 1/2. Energy issues turned in a mixed performance with Cities Service off 1 1/2 to 59 1/2. Standard of Ohio off 1/2 to 50. Standard of California gained 1/2 to 48 and mapco up 1/2 to 30 1/2.

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Defense & Aviation	Catering for personnel in the Eastern Province	18-98/99	100	April 21
Air Force Hqs. Jeddah & Dhahran	Fuel for vehicles	—	100	April 21
" " "	Constructing of a station for the servicing of vehicles at Tabuk Air base	—	1000	April 22
Saudi Arabian Airlines	Constructing of a catering and services facilities for the airlines' fleet in Riyadh	12/79	300	April 9
" " "	Securing of laborers to clean the aircraft at Jizan airport	9/79	—	April 16
Ministry of Education	Constructing of primary schools model 3/9 classrooms	20/M	3000	April 17
" " "	Constructing of primary schools model No. 3 (12 classrooms)	19/M	3000	March 31

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 29TH MARCH, 1979.

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1 A MERZARIO PERSIA	A.E.T.	Ro Ro Units	28/3/79
2 SEASPEED AMERICA	Fayez	Loading MTY Containers	28/3/79
3	—	—	—
4	—	—	—
5 NIGERIA VENTURE	Alsaada	General	28/3/79
6	—	—	—
7 CHERRY FLOWER	Orri	Bagged Barley	27/3/79
8 NEW DRAGON	Orri	General	27/3/79
9 LAURA	Star Nav.	Fruits/Cheese	28/3/79
10	—	—	—
11 HELLENIC VALOR	Alpha	Contrs./R. Stock/Trailers	28/3/79
12 ARAB AL AHSAA	'Sadaka	Loading	25/3/79
13	—	—	—
14 GOLDEN ARABIA	El Hawi	Plywood/Steel/General	28/3/79
15 FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	Oranges	20/3/79
16	—	—	—
17	—	—	—
18 MEDCEMENT CARRIER	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	25/3/79
19	—	—	—
20 MARITIME ALLUANCE	Baroom	Bagged Cement	28/3/79
21 PANAGIA SPILIANI	Al Hawi	Bagged Cement	27/3/79
22 MINI LEO	Rolaco	Bagged Cement	28/3/79
23	—	—	—
24 FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	—
25	—	—	—
26 TARAGO	Medco	Containers/Ro Ro/General	28/3/79
27 TITI B	Fayez	Coffee/Horse Beans	28/3/79
28	—	—	—
29 GOLDEN LIGHT	Star Nav.	Meat/Chickens	28/3/79
30	—	—	—
31 MALDIVE ENERGY	O. Trade	Rice/Com/Maize/Sorghum	27/3/79
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3-VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS

VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
ROBERT TOOMBS	A.E.T.	Bagged Coffee	29/3/79
BLUE MARU	Baraboud	Oil Cakes/Ground Nuts	29/3/79
IRENE	Orri	Maize/Rice	29/3/79
CHAR HO	Abdallah	Ro load empty Containers	29/3/79
SENU	Barber	Containers/Glass/General	29/3/79
MEMNON	Barber	Containers/B. Bulk	29/3/79
IBN BATTUTAH	Kanoo	Containers/General/Steel	29/3/79
REGINA 'S	Red Sea	Containers/General	29/3/79
ANNOUNA TSIRIS	O.C.E.	Apples	29/3/79
MARE AUSTRAL	M.E.S.A.	Bananas	29/3/79
SELENA	Star Nav.	Fruits/Chickens	29/3/79
MERRY VIKING	A.E.T.	TEUs	29/3/79
BRISTOL MARU	A.E.T.	To load empty Containers	29/3/79
ARAB FALCON (Barge)	Kanoo	Trailers/Trucks	29/3/79
SAMAH	S.E.A.	To load Cars	29/3/79
ODYSSEUS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	29/3/79
AKADEMIK	—	—	—
MELLIONSHCHIKOV	A.E.T.	Cars/Spare Parts	29/3/79

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 129,616

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 1.5.1399 / 29.3.1979
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working the Ship	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
1	CAPE RODNEY	GULF	BULK WHEAT	26.3.79
4	TAMANO	BARBER	GENERAL/CONTS	28.3.79
10	WUXI	ORRI	LOADING UREA	21.3.79
12	STRAHLNFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	26.3.79
21	SILVER ZEPHYR (D.B)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	26.3.79
27 N	TAISUN	S.E.A.	GENERAL	26.3.79
27 S	CLIMAX EMERALD	U.E.P.	RICE IN BAGS	25.3.79
28	MAHA VIJAY	S.E.A.	GENERAL	23.3.79
VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH				
	PRIMAVERA	S.M.C	BULK CEMENT	28.3.79
	MORLANG HEIDI	KANOO	GENERAL	26.3.79
2-RECENT ARRIVALS				
	TAMANO	BARBER	GENERAL/CONTS	28.3.79
	STRATHEDEN	KANOO	TO LOAD E/CONTS	28.3.79
	LONG BEACH	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	28.3.79
	PRIMAVERA	S.M.C	BULK CEMENT	28.3.79
3-VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 48 HOURS				
	ARYA MAN	A.E.T.	—	—
	BARGE ALFARAS	BARBERS	—	—
	BARGE AL MAGEDA	BARBERS	—	—
	HIMALYA MARU	A.E.T.	—	—
	OHTORI	ALSAADA	—	—
	FEAX	KANOO	—	—
	MERZARIO LOMBARDIA	A.E.T.	—	—
	MEGHNA	ORRI	—	—
	WAKANAMI MARU	ALIREZA	—	—
	AL SHUWAIKH	KANOO	—	—
	NOOR JEHAN	ALIREZA	—	—
	RABENFELS	ALIREZA	—	—
	MOLUCCA SEA	GULF	—	—

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 45,823

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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AND LONDON GOLD** **سعر العملات والذهب**

LONDON		NEW YORK	
March 29	Range	March 29	Opening Price
SA	2,652.0-2,658.0	STE	2,652.0-2,658.0
France	2,315.5-2,318.5	BFC CON	25.25-25.51
Germany	2,800.0-2,805.0	CAV	64.65-66.00
Italy	69.00-69.50	FT	44.00-44.50
Netherlands	172.00-172.00	LIT	81.95-82.00
Belgium	4,130.0-4,140.0	DFI	2,512.2-2,516.0
Spain	5,463.5-5,472.5	DFL	1,651.0-1,659.0
Switzerland	1,877.5-1,877.5	DMK	1,876.1-1,880.0
Sweden	10,675.5-9,975.5	VEI	28.00-28.10
Australia	9,647.0-9,655.0	AUS SC	2.70-2.70
Canada	10,650.0-10,650.0	DKR	5,187.5-5,190.0
Central America	20.63-20.68	DMK	1,900.0-1,900.0
China	98.15-98.15	PORT	48.17-47.27
India	141.15-141.15	PRF	4,716.2-4,717.5
Japan	427.34-428.46	SPN	65.25-65.25
		SPAIN	66.35-66.34

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES

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DOW JONES
STOCK AVERAGES

DOW JONES 10.30 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES March 28				DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES March 28			
Industrials	\$73.27	UP .91	or 1.22%	30 Industrials	\$66.25	DN .51	or 0.75%
Transport	225.21	UP .51	or 0.23%	20 Transport	225.21	DN 1.16	or 0.54%
Utilities	185.04	UP 0.24	or 0.13%	10 Utilities	104.77	DN 0.63	or 0.60%
Stocks	254.92	UP .89	or 0.34%	60 Stocks	252.97	DN 0.96	or 0.33%
New York DJ-1 — Stock trading activity				based on Jan. 12 and nearly reached 100 million			

The news that the U.S. trade deficit in February had increased to \$1.5 billion, the highest since the trade deficit began in 1976, did little to stem the slide in share prices.

After the Federal Reserve administration informed Richard Kahn, repeated his strong opposition to the Fed's plan to raise the discount rate.

The stock market, however, was not as responsive. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day at 1,000.00, down 10.00 points from 1,010.00. The S&P 500 index ended the day at 100.00, down 1.00 points from 101.00. The Nasdaq index ended the day at 1,000.00, down 10.00 points from 1,010.00.

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New York Bond Market: A Special Report by Byron Klapper

the U.S. trade deficit in February, as the dollar fell to its lowest level in almost two years, was viewed positively by some investors. The dollar's decline was also seen as a sign that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates to curb inflation, which would strengthen the dollar's position against other currencies in the long run. However, the dollar's decline was also seen as a sign that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates to curb inflation, which would strengthen the dollar's position against other currencies in the long run.

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March 29 Lunchtime Prices	SOYABEAN MEAL	Today's Closing	Today's Closing
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COA	Tally's Closing	Previous Closing	MAGNOLIA		
			£ per tonne	£ per tonne	
ch	1657	1654	April	135.00	127.00
ch	1672	1676	June	128.00	122.70
ch	1667	1666	August	151.90	139.50
ch	1698	1696	October	130.50	128.50
ch	1749	1747	December	128.00	127.50
ch	1758	1772	February	129.00	126.00
1980	1800	1795	April	151.00	127.50

BUSTA COFFEE		March 29 Official Close	
	£ per tonne	Tenden's	Thomson
Arabica			
Robusta			

	1452	1450	ALUMINUM	1451	1450
.....	1471	1469		Closing	Previous
.....	1502	1501		5 per ounce	
umber	1534	1533	Cash	792.00	793.00
umber	1563	1561	Three months	785.50	786.00
ary	1573	1570	Settlement	793.00	--
h	1574	1570			

GRAINS	Wheat	Barley	COPPER	£ per tonne
	Yesterday's Closing	Yesterday's Closing		
			Wirebars	

.....	\$9.80	\$8.70	Cash	1041.00	1041.50
umber	\$3.15	\$4.95	Three months	1051.80	1051.50
umber	\$6.30	\$9.15	Settlement	1041.50	—
.....	\$9.85	\$3.75	Confound		
			Cash	1033.00	1034.00
			Three months	1043.80	1044.00
			Settlement	1034.00	—

..... Pence per Kilo **LEAD**
63.70 63.30

June	64.60	64.60	Cash	571.00	579.00
September	66.85	66.00	Three months	544.00	545.00
December	67.85	67.75	Settlement	579.00	—
July-March	69.40	69.30			
June	71.20	71.05			
September	73.25	73.20			
December	75.15	75.10			
July-March	77.10	77.00			

SILVER		Per tree ounce
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Cash	365.50	365.70
Three months	575.20	575.00
Settlement	365.20	

	£ per long ton			£ per tonne	
108.40	108.30				
112.59	112.10				
115.18	115.00				
117.85	117.75				
122.10	122.00				

.....	124.20	124.15	Settlement	7350	mm
.....	127.00	126.80	High Grade		

ITE SUGAR		Cash	7375	7365
	\$ per long ton	Three months	7280	7310
		Settlement	7395	—
.....	106.30			
ber	113.50	ZINC		
ber	117.25			
ry	125.25			
				\$ per tonne

.....	129.40	129.00	Cash	396.50	397.00
.....	134.00	132.00	Three months	407.00	407.50
umber	137.50	135.50	Settlement	107.00	

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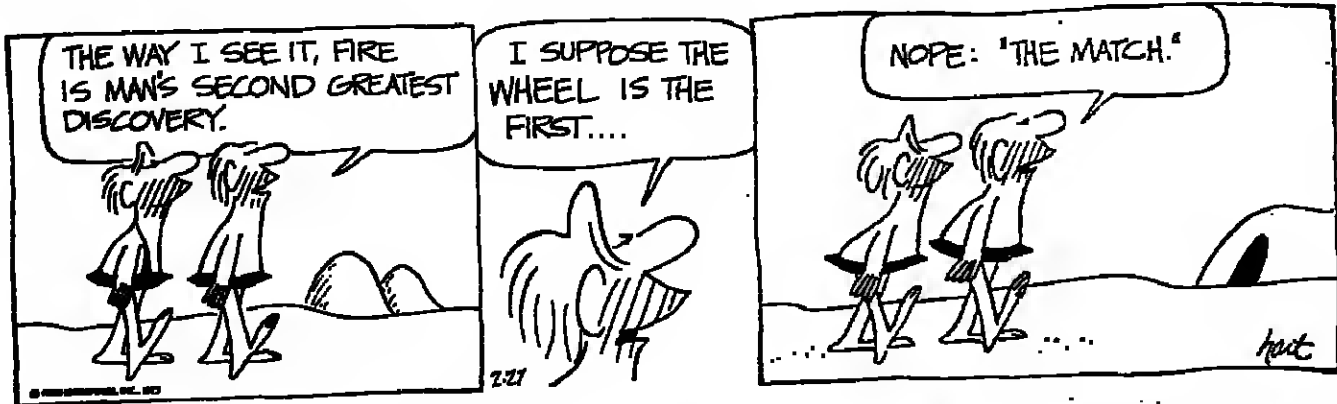
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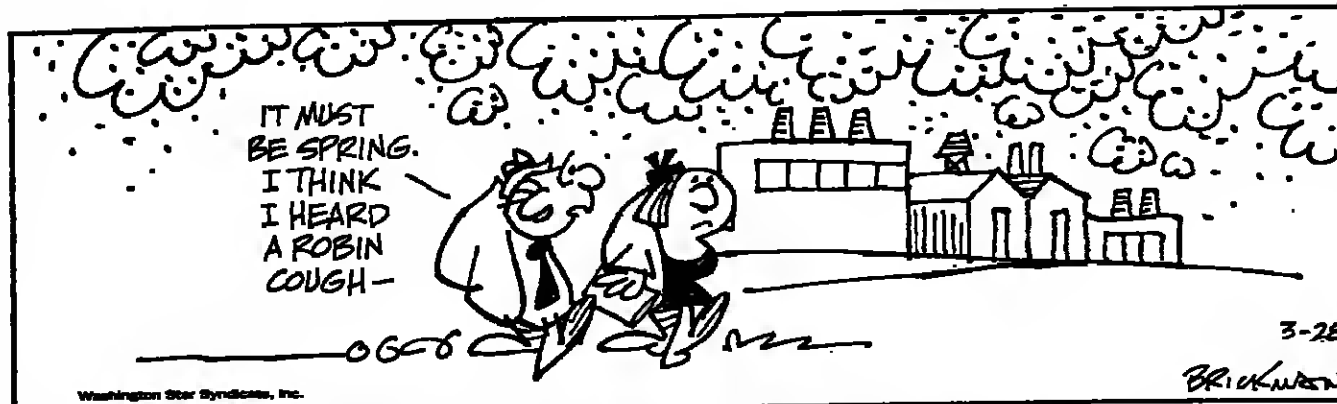
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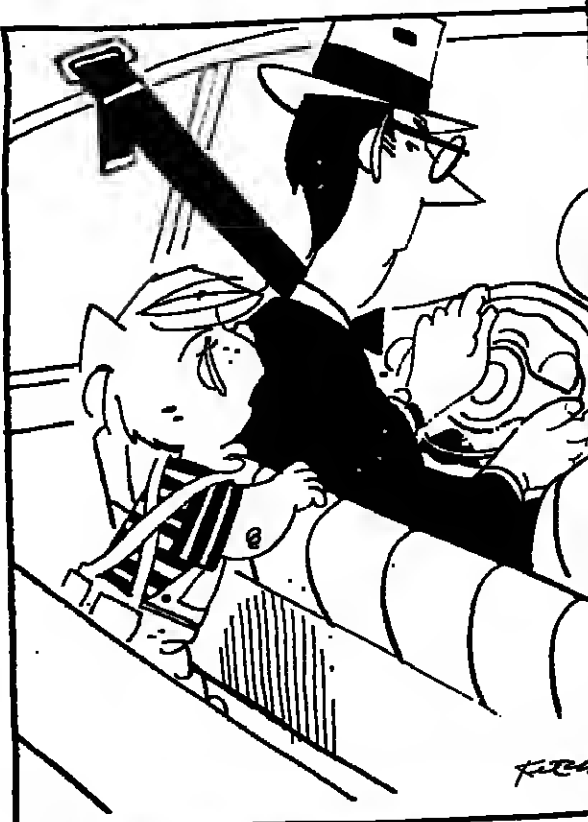
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 - Out of the way
 - "Last Case"
 - Nevada city
 - "El Rancho"
 - "A Man for All Seasons"
 - Franklin's language: abbr.
 - Brooklyn, e.g.: abbr.
 - Rome's - Veneto
 - Actress Williams
 - Timorese coin
 - With
 - Send back
 - Art movement
 - Lionhearted
 - Lea's daughter
 - Milly
 - of poetry
 - Natural gift
 - Destruction
- DOWN
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 - Minor
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 - Haphazard
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 - Bow of the late show
 - Repayment
 - 21 Lather users
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Yesterday's Answer

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:07	6:25	12:34	3:59	6:37	8:07
Medina	5:05	6:19	12:35	4:01	6:38	8:08
Nejd	4:36	5:55	12:04	3:30	6:08	7:38

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kottor	Kottor For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Hot weather in the morning and temperature will keep rising in all parts of the Kingdom. In the evening, the climate will be moderate. Clouds will cover the western and southwestern highlands. Surface winds will blow at moderate speed from various directions, turning southerly in the central and southern provinces, raising dust occasionally.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderate. Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	32	21	Tabuk	29	14
Jeddah	32	19	Sakaka	28	12
Riyadh	30	15	Badna	29	13
Dhahran	29	13	Bisha	31	15
Medina	33	18	Yanbu	33	17
Taif	27	15	Abha	23	09

SAUDI RADIO

10:01 The Holy Quran	10:05 Meccage to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music	10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:30 Melody Makers
11:00 Youth Welfare	11:10 Music
11:15 Hot Rock	11:45 The Golden Age
12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections	12:10 Music
12:15 Mood Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Close Down	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opinion: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion; Analyses	10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News (Standards)
9:00 News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	
9:30 News Summary	
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	
0:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newswel
8:30 *Sarah Ward	6:15 *Outlook
8:45 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newsdesk	7:09 Commentary
9:30 *Opera Star	7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7:45 World Today
10:09 News Summary	8:00 World News
10:30 *Sarah Ward	8:09 *Books and Writers
10:45 *Something to Show You	8:30 *Take One
11:00 World News	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:09 Reflections	9:00 World News
11:15 Piano Style	9:09 News about Britain
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:15 Radio Newswel
12:00 World News	9:30 Farming World
12:09 British Press Review	10:00 Outlook News
12:15 World Today	Summary
12:30 Financial News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:40 Look Ahead	10:43 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	10:45 Ulster in Focus
1:15 Ulster in Focus	11:00 World News
1:30 Discovery	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
2:00 World News	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
2:09 News about Britain	Midnight Transmission
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	12:15 Talkabout
2:30 Sports International	12:45 Nature
2:40 Radio Newswel	Notebook
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:00 World News
3:45 Sports Round-up	1:09 World Today
4:00 World News	1:25 Financial News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	1:35 Book Choice
	1:40 Reflections
	1:45 Sports Round-up
	2:00 World News
	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCES DRAKE

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1979

Kind of day will be? To find out what say, read the even for your birth

Apr. 19) ... and you're op-out finances, but ed in handling tips. A com breakdown is

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Sept. 22) ... as ideas of ope mutual benea stubborn about

financial matter. Make travel plans. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) ... Stress reason rather than emotions in completing work assignments. Chances are you'll turn a deaf ear to advisers now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ... Be sure to include close ones in recreational planning now. Otherwise, there'll be repercussions. It seems no one wants to be left out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ... You can accomplish much around the house now, but later you may not be in the mood for company. Complete tasks without alienating others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ... Be sure to look for career advantages in talks now. Forget about work and enjoy pleasurable time. Hobbies prove relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ... Make home the base of your operations now. A night on the town may not live up to your expectations. Watch extravagance.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ... Local visits and neighborhood chats should prove pleasurable. Exchanging ideas with others will keep you from becoming "self-preoccupied."

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International

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But Amin claims counter-attack

Fall of Kampala a matter of hours, diplomats say

NAIROBI, March 30 (Agencies) — President Idi Amin of Uganda announced Friday that his army was launching a counter-offensive against an invasion force. But diplomats in Kampala said his army in fact appeared to have disintegrated.

The city could fall in a matter of hours, they said. Kampala residents contacted by telephone said they had seen paratroopers dropping into the city. There was no confirmation of this report.

Shells crashed into city center streets killing several people 50 meters from the French Embassy and destroying one of President Amin's residences, the diplomats said.

The only troops to be seen in the city were Libyans manning field guns to return fire from Tanzanian-backed exile forces and setting up anti-tank barricades across key roundabouts and road junctions.

The Tanzanian government announced that a Libyan Tupolev 22 bomber flew across Lake Victoria Thursday to bomb the Tanzanian airbase town of Owanza.

The bomber, flying from Nakasongola 70 kilometers north of Kampala, missed vital fuel storage tanks and killed six gazelles in a nearby animal sanctuary, the Tanzanian government said.

Only one person was injured in the raid.

A hint of a strike inside Tan-

zania was contained in a broadcast from Radio Uganda which quoted a military spokesman as saying:

"The Ugandan Armed Forces have spotted the enemy and are launching a general attack to surround him and destroy him...The Ugandan Armed Forces are ready to surprise the world in the following hours that the enemy can be attacked not only in Uganda but also in his own area."

A correspondent reported from the Kenyan-Ugandan border that refugees described panic in Kampala with people fleeing the shelling and army deserters commandeering vehicles at gunpoint.

All 400 United Nations officials and dependants have been ordered to leave Uganda and several foreign embassies have evacuated their staff.

As some shells hit the city center, a government spokesman went on Uganda Radio to ask "everyone in the country, including diplomats, not to panic."

The spokesman said the situation was under control and that people should go about their business without fear.

Diplomatic sources outside Uganda said the Libyan force of up to 600 troops appeared to have been boosted to perhaps 1,500 this week. The buildup was reported after Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere rejected a Libyan ultimatum to pull out of Uganda or face the Libyan army alongside Amin's own troops.

Forces still loyal to Amin clung to control over Kampala Friday, as Tanzanian and armed exile invaders moved deeper into southern and western suburbs and thousands of war refugees fled to the north and east.

As gunshots echoed through deserted streets, eyewitnesses said, "we can see Ugandan deserters, wandering around and firing in the air."

Residents reached by telephone said the second straight night of shelling had been curtailed by heavy rain. They said Ugandan tanks drove through Kampala late Thursday afternoon toward Nafate, a key road junction nine kilometers to the southwest and returned after dark following a noisy battle that lasted several hours.

Kampala residents said two children were killed by an explosive round that landed in the back yard of a house near Rubaga Cathedral, in western Kampala. No other civilian casualties were reported.

Kampala, normally quiet on the Friday holiday when shops and government offices are closed, was at a standstill. Frightened residents stayed inside. Neighborhood food markets were shut.

In a special announcement late Thursday night, the radio quoted Amin as expressing deep appreciation to soldiers who were not cowards, and who had left their families at home and were fighting with determination to defeat the enemy or "die for the motherland." The message from Amin condemned soldiers who were confused, doing nothing, loitering or spreading rumors.



TRIAL AND TRIBULATION: Huey Newton, who voluntarily returned from exile in Cuba to stand trial for murder, faces reporters after the Oakland, California jury remained deadlocked and a mistrial was declared March 24. His wife Gwen is next to him. (AP photo)

Iraq said linking U.S. ties with attitude toward PLO

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 30 — Iraq has privately informed the Carter administration that it will not normalize relations with the United States until the U.S. changes its attitude towards the Palestinians and their representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization, diplomatic sources said here Friday.

For the past two years, the United States and Iraq have been quietly exploring the possibility of restoring normal diplomatic ties, the sources said.

The Carter administration recently approached the Baghdad government with a new offer of diplomatic ties.

U.S. officials were hoping that renewed relations with Iraq would bolster America's standing in the Arab world at a time when U.S.

fortunes were sagging in the area because of the Carter-inspired separate peace between Egypt and Israel, the sources said.

But Iraq turned down the offer, and said the future of U.S.-Iraqi relations would depend on the U.S. attitude towards the Palestinian problem and its readiness to deal with the PLO, they said.

Andreotti loses leftists

Italy cabinet certain of 'no'

ROME, March 30 (AP) — Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti has introduced a new three-party government to parliament that is virtually assured of defeat in a vote of confidence because leftists have withdrawn their support.

The Senate and Chamber of Deputies will vote separately on the government next week.

General elections are expected in June, two years ahead of time, to coincide with the election of members of the European Parliament. Andreotti's government would stay on in a caretaker capacity through the elections.

Outlining his program Thursday, Andreotti said that despite an improved economic performance, Italy still needed austerity. He said the government will increase telephone and electricity rates and called for self-restraint on wage demands by the trade unions.

Only the small Republican and the Democratic Socialist parties agreed to join the prime minister's Christian Democrats in a new government alliance, after almost three months of inter-party talks.

Andreotti's previous government fell when the Communists withdrew support because they were not given cabinet posts. In the three month interim, they and the Socialists declined to revive a five-party parliamentary majority for the same reason.

Andreotti acknowledged the new government is likely to be short-lived. He said he hoped the national unity pact that linked the five parties for 2½ years under his leadership could be re-forged in the future.

Andreotti did not say whether his party would revise its stand concerning the Communists after elections. In the last general elec-

tions in 1976, the C. 34 per cent of the points behind the Democrats, but the strength since in local balloting.

The three parties government control seats in the Chamber, 320 in the Senate.

Russians claim finding sunken city of Atlantis

LISBON, March 30 (AP) — Soviet oceanographers, who announced they have found traces of a city on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean really believe they have found the lost city of Atlantis, a Portuguese government official said Friday.

Dr. Marcello Vasconcelos, head of Portugal's National Institute for Fishing Research, said several members of the Soviet oceanographic team who claim to have photographed the ruins of city some 320-480 kilometers off the Portuguese coast appeared confident of the discovery during a visit to his institute.

Vasconcelos explained that he and his colleagues at the institute could not offer a professional opinion on the reported find but added that the Soviet scientists appeared to be highly optimistic about further tests on the photo-

graphs. Dr. Andrei Akser team had taken eight showing vestiges of a great city on a floor halfway between the mid-Atlantic ridge and Madeira.

Iraqis condemn Kuwait sid Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Mar. 30 — Iraqis condemned Kuwait's decision to side with Baghdad in the soccer tournament. Iraq and Saudi Arabia were the sole unbeaten teams in the tournament, which ended on Saturday.

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